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INDIA GOVT. DECLARES R.S.S. UNLAWFUL

Provincial Govt.s To Follow Suit

Delhi To Weed Out Members Of Organisation From Services

Country-Wide Arrests: Disturbances In Several Places

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

With the banning of the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh Government of India intends to weed out members of that organisation from Government services.

Although the R.S.S. is a secret organisation, according to information, over 50 per cent of the Hindu employees in the Secretariat and the police belong to the R.S.S.

It appears the Government's intention is to suspend these employees and weed them out as speedily as possible. Some sort of loyalty test is envisaged.

GOVT. COMMUNIQUE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 4 (API): THE R. S. S. HAS BEEN DECLARED AN UNLAWFUL ORGANISATION THROUGHOUT THE INDIAN DOMINION. IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

CULT OF VIOLENCE

A Communique issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs says that the cult of violence sponsored and inspired by the Sangh claimed many victims—the latest and the most precious to fall was Mahatma Gandhi himself.

It adds that members of the Sangh indulged in acts of violence involving arson, robbery, dacoity and murder, collected illicit arms and ammunition, resorted to terrorist methods to create disaffection against the Government and suborn the police and military.

TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE

The following is the text of the Communique.

In their resolution of 2nd February, 1948, the Government of India declared their determination to root out the forces of hate and violence that are at work in our country and imperil the freedom of the nation and darken her fair name.

In pursuance of this policy, the Government of India have decided to declare unlawful the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh in the Chief Commissioners' Provinces.

Similar action is also being taken in the Governors' Provinces.

As democratic Governments, the Government of India and the Provincial Governments have always been anxious to allow reasonable scope for genuine political, social and economic activities to all parties and organisations including those whose policies and purposes differ from, or even run counter to, their own, subject to the consideration that such activities should not transgress certain commonly recognised limits of propriety or law.

NOT ADHERED TO PROFESSED AIMS

The professed aims and objects of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh are to promote the physical, intellectual and moral well being of the Hindus and also to foster feelings of brotherhood, love and service amongst them. Government themselves are most anxious to improve the general, material and intellectual well-being of all sections of the people and have got schemes on hand which are designed to carry out these objects, particularly the provision of physical training and education in military matters to the youth of the country. Government have, however, noticed with regret that in practice members of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh have not adhered to their professed ideals.

Undesirable and even dangerous activities have been carried on by members of the Sangh.

It has been found that in several parts of the country individual members of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh have indulged in acts of violence involving, arson, robbery, dacoity and murder and have collected illicit arms and ammunition.

They have been found circulating leaflets exhorting people to resort to terrorist methods, to collect firearms, to create disaffection against the Government and suborn the police and the military. These activities have been carried on under a cloak of secrecy, and Government have considered from time to time how far these activities rendered it incumbent

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GODSE'S ACCOMPLICE FLOWN TO BOMBAY

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ALWAR—THE HUB?

ALWAR, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): Pandit Girdar Sharma Sidha, Secretary of the Alwar Rajya Hindu Sabha has been arrested by the Delhi police in Alwar under a warrant from the Central Government for alleged distribution of leaflets provoking youths for assassination of Mahatmaji two days before the outrage.

Alwar is reported to have been the centre of much activities of the All-India Hindu Sabha of late Mr. Deshpande Gen. Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, Prof. Ram Singh and Capt. Keshab Chander, frequently visited Alwar State. It is stated that Nathuram Vinayak Godse, the alleged murderer of Mahatmaji had also been to Alwar about a fortnight ago before the outrage.

HON. MAGISTRATE ARRESTED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): Pandit Girdhar Sharma Sidha, Secretary of the Alwar Rajya Hindu Sabha Honorary Magistrate and Municipal Commissioner, has been arrested in Alfar under a warrant of the Central Government in an alleged case of distributing a leaflet against Mahatma Gandhi according to in formation received here.

This leflet was distributed in Alwar two days before the murder of Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Sidha was arrested by the Delhi police.

Another Alleged Accomplice Of Godse In Custody

LUCKNOW, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): Mr. Devandra Kumar Wadse a graduate, alleged to be a member of the gang responsible for Mahatma Gandhi's assassination was arrested at the Mirzapur railway station on Monday night, according to a report received at the headquarters of the U. P. Government.

It is reported that Wadse in a statement to the police made certain disclosures which throw light on the plot against prominent Indian leaders.

BOMBAY GOVT. BANS R. S. S.

BOMBAY Wednesday.

The Government of Bombay has issued a notification declaring the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sang and volunteer bodies working under its direction or management as unlawful associations as the Government is of opinion that these associations constitute a danger to the public peace.

BAN IN C. P. AND BERAR

NAGPUR, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): The Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh has been declared unlawful throughout C. P. and Berar.

U. P. FOLLOWS SUIT

LUCKNOW, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): It is reliably learnt the U. P Government have banned the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh in the Province.

Orders for the arrest of prominent leaders of the Sangh and of Hindu Mahasahba are understood to have been issued.

Large crowds watch the ashes from Mahatma Gandhi's funeral pyre being collected. Pandit Jawaharlal can be seen squatting on the left-hand corner.

Nehru To Carry Mahatma's Ashes To Allahabad

Arrangements For Special Train: Immersion At Triveni Sangam On Feb. 12

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is expected to reach here on Sunday next, February 8 to supervise the arrangements for the historic immersion ceremony of the sacred ashes of Mahatma Gandhi on February 12 at the Triveni Sangam where the last remains of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi were also consigned.

Panditji is likely to stay at Allahabad till February 10 when he will return to Delhi.

The Congress circles here confirm the report that Mahatma Gandhi's sacred ashes and bones will be carried to Allahabad in a special train on February 11 by Pandit Nehru, Mr. Ramdas Gandhi, Mr. Devdas Gandhi, Mr. Pyarelal, Gandhiji's Private Secretary, and other members of the Gandhi camp.

Some members of the Nehru Cabinet, Provincial Governors and Premiers as well as several prominent Congress leaders including Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, are also expected to reach Allahabad along with this party.

Allahabad feels proud of the unique privilege of being able to get a chance of paying her last homage to the beloved Father of the Nation and has been sparing no pains to rise equal to the momentous occasion.

IMMERSION IN GANGES AND BRAHMAPUTRA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): H. E. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor of West Bengal, returned to Calcutta today from Delhi.

The Governor has brought with him a portion of the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi to be immersed in the Ganges with due ceremony.

Details of the ceremony are expected to be announced shortly.

The Governor of Assam, Sir Akbar Hydari, who arrived here from New Delhi on his way back to Assam, is also carrying with him a portion of the ashes for immersion in the river Brahmaputra. The Governor is leaving for Shillong tomorrow.

NEWSPAPERS TO CLOSE ON 12TH IN MEMORY OF MAHATMA

MADRAS, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): The convenor of the Regional Committee of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society requests all newspapers to suspend publication of the issue of their paper on Thursday the 12th instant, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi

Police Contingent Which Guarded Birla House

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): It is now revealed that the strength of the police force on guard at Birla House on the day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated was one sub-inspector, one assistant sub-inspector, five head constables and 26 constables. This force had been augmented after the bomb incident on January 20 when the police force at Birla House consisted of one head-constable and four constables only.

A suggestion had however, been made to Mahatma Gandhi that visitors of a suspicious character should be searched. But Mahatma Gandhi it is believed refused to entertain any such suggestion.

BROADCAST TALKS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.). A. I. R. Delhi will broadcast tributes to Mahatma Gandhi by Mr. Devadas Gandhi at 8-30 p.m. and by Mr. Kingsley Martin, Editor, New Statesman and Nation, London at 8-50 p.m. on Thursday, February 5.

The broadcasts will be radiated on all transmitters.

BOMBAY CABINET'S HOMAGE TO MAHATMA

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay Cabinet in its meeting held today passed a resolution expressing its sense of deep sorrow at the death of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay has received a message of condolence on the death of Mahatma Gandhi from Royal Netherlands Consul, Bombay.

BIHAR BAN ON R. S. S.

PATNA, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): The Government of Bihar has declared the R. S. S. as an unlawful organisation in the whole of the Province.

MADRAS BAN ON R. S. S.

MADRAS, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): The Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh has been banned in Madras province.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TRIBUTE

BOMBAY, Feb. 4, (A. P. I.): The All-India Women's Conference, Bombay, has received the following messages from London on the death of Mahatma Gandhi:—

"The Liaison Group (London) sends deepest sympathy in your irreparable loss shared by us and all mankind. The light that Gandhiji kindled will endure"

Lady Hartog:

"The Women's Council on Indian Affairs offers its deepest sympathy to thee women of India in their irreparable loss".

Hilda Seligman, founder of the A. I. W. C Skippo Fund.

"India without Gandhi. My heart goes out to you all, but we can still serve him by helping to make his life's ambition come true".

Sind Assembly Adjourns

KARACHI, Feb. 4, (A. P. I.): The Sind Legislative Assembly, which met today for the first time since the establisnment of Pakistan unanimously passed a resolution condemning the "cruel assassination" of Mahatma Gandhi and sharing in the "universal grief and sorrow at the tragic loss".

The resolution, which was moved by the Leader of the House and Premier of Sind, Mr. M. A. Khuhro, described Mahatma Gandhi as "the great apostle of peace and freedom and the greatest leader that the Hindu nation has yet produced", and also as "This heroic soul who sacrified so much and battled so valiantly against the forces of exploitation, evil and violence".

The House adjourned for half an hour as a mark of respect to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and, on re-assembling, passed another resolution sending geetings to Mr. M. A. Jinnah, "The architect of the destiny of the Muslim nation" and expressing "deep appreciation of his life-long struggle in the cause of the Indian peoples, culminating in the birth of the twin Dominions of India and Pakistan". This resolution was also moved by Mr Khuhro.

MARBLE STATUE FOR CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): A proposal to raise a marble statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the crossing of the Dharamtalla Street and Chowringhee has been made by several Councillors in a motion to be taken up at the next meeting of the Calcutta Corporation.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.
NEW YORK, Feb. 4

Previous Closing	34.49
Today's Opening	34.40
Difference	—9
Today's Closing	33.80
Difference	—69

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, Feb. 4

New York opening prices.—
Anaconda Copper Mining $33-1/4.
General Motors $55-3/4.
United States Steel Common $ 4 (ex. div.).
Preference unquoted.—(Reuter).

STOP PRESS

LORDS' DEADLOCK BROKEN

LONDON, Feb. 4. (Reuter): The Government today broke the deadlock in its dispute with the House of Lords by agreeing to an inter-party conference on the issues raised by its bill to curtail the Lords powers to delay legislation.

The decision was described by the opposition as "a natable victory for commonsense."

IRAQ CABINET REJECTS NEW ANGLO-IRAQ TREATY

BAGHDAD, Feb. 4, (U.P.A.): The Iraq Cabinet tonight rejected the new Anglo-Iraq treaty. Premier Mohammed El Sadr in a broadcast to the nation said: "The Cabinet studied the Anglo-Iraq treaty which was found not to realize Iraq national aspirations or promote Anglo-Iraq friendship" He said that the Cabinet unanimously voted not to approve the treaty and that its Foreign Minister was instructed to so inform Britain.

R. S. S. ARRESTS IN MADRAS

MADRAS Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): Thirteen members of the local Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh, including the Sangh Chalak Mr. V. Rajagoplachari advocate were arrested by the Madras police tonight following the Government's declaration of the Sangh as an unlawful organisation.

NEW GRECO-TURKISH AID PROGRAMME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, (U.P.A.): Secretary of State George C. Marshall said today that the State Department is considering the possibility of a new military aid programme for both Greece and Turkey.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4, (Reuter): Jospeh Verdeur American swimming ace battered his own world record for the 200 yards breast stroke here when he covered the distance in 2 minutes 16 seconds. His previous mark was 2 minutes 16.4 seconds set up in March 1947.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MAHATMA IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Feb. 4. (Reuter): A memorial service to Mahatma Gandhi was held in the British Parliament tonight, with Mr. Reginald Sorensen, labour member of Parliament and a leading member of the India League, in the chair. The India High Commissioner Mr. Krishna Menon attended, and those present includes members of Parliament and representatives of the London County Council.

ZAFRULLAH RESUMES ADDRESS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb 4, (Reuter): Sir Md. Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan Foreign Minister resuming the address to the Security Council tonight on the Kashmir issue, said that any plebiscite to decide whether Kashmir should accede to India or Pakistan, should be free from any kind of pressure.

Meanwhile, the Government of India and Pakistan should make a joint request to the Security Council to undertake the plebiscite at the earliest date.

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No Jawahar—Patel Differences

NEHRU GIVES QUIETUS TO RUMOURS

SARDAR REFUTES SOCIALIST CHARGE ABOUT SECURITY MEASURES FOR MAHATMA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel are understood to have exploded the rumours that there were differences between them and stigmatised the authors of this whispering campaign as "dishonourable".

There was keen interest and considerable speculation in the lobby on the outcome of a party meeting held this evening. There was a record attendance of members at the meeting which took place immediately after the adjournment of the House. Some expected startling developments are to follow the meeting which, however terminated with a unanimous expression of confidence in the Government. All members agreed that Sardar Patel made one of the most memorable speeches they had heard. He spoke hardly forty minutes and when he came to Mahatma Gandhi's fast and subsequent events, he broke down completely for two minutes, and then with effort proceeded for two or three more minutes and then left the meeting abruptly.

The party was meeting for the first time since Mahatma Gandhi's death. There was no specific agenda and presumably the meeting was convened to discuss the overall situation arising out of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. The meeting ended it is authoritatively learnt with an expression of complete confidence in the Government.

JAWAHAR GIVES THE QUIETUS

At the outset the Prime Minister is reported to have reviewed briefly the events culminating in the Mahatma's death. Emphasising the complete unanimity of the Government, especially between himself and Sardar Patel on all major questions of policy, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru characterised as "dishonourable" the rumours spread and the speculations encouraged even by some responsible Congressmen that there were differences between them. Although admittedly there was a temperamental difference in approach to a few problems, the points of agreements were so many that the others became insignificant. He expressed his disgust that some people should have seized the opportunity to exploit the death of Mahatma Gandhi for narrow party ends.

SARDAR REPLIES TO SOCIALIST CHARGE

Sardar Patel, who, it is understood, was pressed by the party to speak, explained the situation for nearly three quarters of an hour. Declaring that he was one with the Prime Minister on all national issues, he pointed out that he and Pt. Nehru for over a quarter of a century sat at the feet of their master, Mahatma Gandhi, and struggled together for the freedom of India. So far they had no pronounced differences and it was unthinkable that today, after the Mahatma was no more, they would quarrel. The Socialists had said that he had failed to protect the Mahatma. He denied the charge by giving details of the numerous security arrangements taken to protect Mahatma Gandhi as far as human foresight could provide.

Before the bomb incident the Birla House was entirely ringed by armed guards. After the bomb incident there was a police officer in almost every room.

He knew Mahatma Gandhi did not like it and he had several arguments with him. Finally Gandhiji gave way but sternly insisted that under no circumstances would he permit the search of people who would come to attend the prayers. He had almost a premonition, for he (Mahatma Gandhi) had said that if anybody wanted to assassinate him, he could do so at the prayer meeting. God's will be done. So there was no question of the police searching anyone coming to join the prayer meeting congregation.

Nevertheless, there were thirty plain clothes police officers who mingled in the prayer gathering which was about 500 on the day of his assassination.

HOW MAHATMA WAS SHOT

The assassin is said to have knelt down before Mahatma Gandhi and as he rose whipped out a pistol and fired before anyone could apprehend him.

This was a calamitous misfortune which could not be guarded against.

A further complicating factor was that nearly 80 per cent of the In telligence Staff consisted of Muslims who had left for Pakistan and the Central Government had to go abegging for staff from the various Provinces.

The Sardar is reported to have strongly denied any difference with the Prime Minister emphasising that the present Cabinet functioned on the principle of joint responsibility. Thus the Prime Minister had "ipso facto" the resignation of all members of the Cabinet, at all times in his pocket. As self-respecting man he would not think of continuing even for a minute in the Government had he the least suspicion that he did not enjoy the confidence of his leader."

NO BAN ON HINDU SABHA

REFERRING TO THE DEMAND FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF HINDU MAHASABHA, SARDAR PATEL IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADVISED THE PARTY MEETING THAT SUCH A COURSE WOULD NOT BE IN CONSONANCE WITH DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. THEIR DRAFT CONSTITUTION HAD RECOGNISED THE MUSLIMS AS A SEPARATE ENTITY AND GOVERNMENT COULD NOT, THEREFORE, IGNORE HINDUS AS SUCH.

They should not give way to hysterical agitation and suppress the Hindu Mahasabha in its entirety, thus laying the Congress open to the charge of wiping out all opposition. While they, (the Government of the day as supported by the party), must act firmly, they must also act with fairness and justice.

SOCIALISTS REJECT OFFER

Referring to certain strong criticisms made against the Home Ministry in particular by the Socialist Party leader, Sardar Patel is reported to have emphasised that the Socialist Party as such were offered seats in the Congress Working Committee. They refused to co-operate. They were then offered seats in the Central Government. They refused. He then made the offer to hand over one entire Province to them, so that they could carry on their experiments without let or hindrance. They refused.

And today they exploited the greatest misfortune and calamity of the nation for party ends and the Sardar wondered if there could be any more place for them in Congress organisations as such.

They ridiculed the services, despised the police and the entire administrative machinery and yet they wanted to come in and rule the country. How and with what they were going to rule he could not imagine!

AMERICAN ARTIST FAINTS

ALMORA, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): The Renowned American artist, E. H. Ruister, who has been living at "Snow View" in Almora district fainted when he received the news of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, according to a report received here.

A resident of Almora who had conveyed the news to Ruister started recitation of SLOKAS from Bhagwat Gita, and the American artist regained consciousness. The American is said to have been regularly listening to Bhajans sung at Mahatma Gandhi's prayer meetings

Become Security-Conscious

Points made by other speakers at the Party meeting were: That at least after this great tragedy the present members of the Government should become security-conscious and that Sardar Patel should not go on early morning walks giving interviews to some 200 people on an average a day in an open park; that Pandit Nehru should be careful; they must find out as to how the R. S. S. or for that matter any other body which was nowhere in the political picture of India when the Congress contested the last and recent elections, had now become a menace; and whether the whole tragedy was not due to the policy of "appeasement" which the Congress had followed vis-a-vis the Muslim League.

Finally the meeting is reported to have unanimously endorsed the banning of the R. S. S. in the present circumstances and expressed its unqualified confidence in the Government in the present crisis.

India Will Need Heavy Food Imports

Fall In Wheat And Rice Production: U. N. Report Blames Civil Strife And Weather

LAKE SUCCESS Feb. 4, (Reuter): Dealing with food production in India and Pakistan, a report prepared by the United Nations Department of Economic Affairs says, that production has suffered not only from adverse weather but even more seriously from civil strife and very heavy imports will be required if acute deterioration in the food situation in these countries is to be prevented

The report says: "The production of wheat in India and Pakistan is about three quarters of a million tons under the previous year and production of rice is about two and a half million tons lower. It is doubtful if the entire decrease in rice production can be offset my increased rice imports; with the decline in wheat production as well, India will need to import a minimum of 2,000,000 tons more bread grain than during the previous year to maintain the present low cereal consumption.

Other deficit bread-grain areas of the world taken as a whole may be able to maintain consumption levels with slightly smaller imports than they had last year. But present levels are extremely low in some of these countries especially in the Far East.

"In the summary, the present out look is that without drastic changes in grain utilisation in both importing and exporting countries the exportable supplies of bread and coarse grain will fall approximately 10,000,000 tons short of the quantity needed to maintain 1948 bread rations in the deficit countries during 1947 to 1948

RICE EXPORTS

Rice exports from three Far Eastern exporting areas, Burma, Siam and Indo China are expected to be aoout 500,000 tons greater in 1947 to 1948 than in 1946 to 1947. Exports from other parts of the world are expected to be about the same.

Since deficits in the Far East have increased more than the difference in exportable surplus the overall situation is expected to deteriorate slightly."

On industry, the report says: "In those parts of the Far East that were subjected to enemy occupation during the war, industry suferred serious dislocation if not complete paralysis, which in those other parts which were actively associated in the war effort of the allies industrial equipment was exposed to the strain of an incessant intensive use, causing considerable deterioration of machines that could not be adequately maintained.

War damage to public utilities and wear and tear on what installations and equipment could be kept in use have drastically curtailed the supply of electric power, gas and water in industrial centres in many countries of the region and have accordingly hamperd their industrial recovery.

"Recovery has been held back also by lack of foreign exchange necessary to purchase new, or to replace obsolete, machinery and by lack of domestic capital formation. Inflation and political unrest are further slowing down reconstruction.

Finally, under-nourishment of workers that has resulted from shortage of food is in no small part responsible for the decline in industrial output.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

Postwar mineral production is below prewar levels in practically all devastated countries. Destruction of mining installations and oil-refineries for the restoration or replacement of which requisite capital and materials are lacking has so far prevented resumption of oil production in Burma.

"In Indonesia oil production in 1947 amounted to only five percent of prewar output. Tin mining in Burma at present is negligible. Production in Malaya is only about fourteen percent of prewar output; But in Indonesia where new dredges, ordered during the war, were available production has recovered to prewar level.

"In the Philippines restoration of gold and iron production is delayed by technical obstacles while silver production has risen slightly above and coal production well above prewar levels.

"Mineral production in China is only a fraction of what it was before the war and owing to dislocation of transport and other disturbances the ore mined cannot be made readily available for export or to domestic industries in acute need of it."

PLANNING IN INDIA

"In India, great interest is taken in development planning and the Dominion Government has plans for railway highway and industrial development. An Advisory Planning Board was created in 1946. The Government is planning to undertake and operate many large hydro-electric projects such as Damodar project and large Governor-owned artificial fertiliser factory is understood to be nearing completion. Provincial Governments of the Dominion of India also have many plans. Emphasis in all Indian plans is on industrial and power development, although plans for development of communications literacy and hospitals also occupy a prominent place.

"Information relation to India and Pakistan indicates that the plans of the Central and Provincial Government will involve about 5,000,000,000 dollars. Electrical development, Railways, roads, agriculture and education in that order, will account for the greatest expense.

Also included in the plans is the annual production by 1952 of an additional 3,000,000 tons of food grains.

The Dominion of Pakistan is in a stronger position agriculturally than the Dominion of India. Further, its jute and tea exports are expected to strengthen its balance of payment position. On the other hand Pakistan has less than a proportionate share in the sub-continent's industries and coal deposits.

Although it is too early to determine the main lines of development planning in Pakistan, it is certain that development of hydro-electricity will play a crucial part.

International Wheat Agreement

Question Of Minimum Price Remains Obstacle

WASHINGTON Feb. 3. (Reuter): Differing opinion on what should be the minimum price of wheat remained the only obstacle in the way of an international wheat agreement, as the 38-Nations Conference continued through the second week here to-day.

A conference spokesman said prospects for complete agreement by the end of next week were "very bright"

The British proposal for a five-year agreement with the maximum and minimum prices for wheat at two dollars and one dollar and twenty cents respectively per bushel, had found considerable support, out exporting countries, particularly the United States, are opposed to an additional British suggestion that the minimum price in the last year be reduced to one dollar.

Paddy Prices Soar Every Day

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, January 29—With the withdrawal of restrictions on the movement of rice from one place to another in the district, the prices of paddy in Dahanu Taluka are continuously soaring. Rice is flowing to Bassein and other places in the Thana District. Permit holders from Bombay are making purchases here. The result is that paddy rates are going higher every day. During the days rationing orders were in force here, the prices of paddy were Rs. 11 per bag. Today it is sold at 27 Rs. It is feared that if rice is to be sold at such higher rates many of the poor Adiwasi villagers will have to face starvation in the very near future. Agents of rice merchants are moving from cottage to cottage inducing the Adiwasi peasants to part with their stock of rice. Tempted by the higher rates offered by these people and unmindful of the consequences of their action ignorant Adiwasis are selling what little they have with them. The merchants are sending lorry loads of rice to those places where they get good prices. It is feared that if rice begins to flow at this heavy rate local residents—particularly the Adiwasis and middle class people—will have a very bad time to face.

PRITIZI BEATS CLOUTHER

World T. T. Championships Open At Wembly Pool

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter): The World Table Tennis Championships opened at Wembly Pool today with an unusual incident—theinvocation of the twenty minutes or "stonewalling rule" to the match between former World Champion, Trudi Pritizi of Austria, and the American Mae Clouther, which Pritizi won 21-13, 15-21, 16-7.

In the third game of the Corbillon Cup Team event for women these two players patted the ball across the table with neither attempting an attacking stroke and after seventeen and a half minutes they were warned that they had a further two and half minutes At the end of that time Pritizi was ahead and was awarded the game. This enabled Austria to level the match at two all, but the United States won the decider.

Nearly three hundred competitors from 25 nations will strive for team and individual honours during the next eight days.

The following are the result of matches played Corbillon Cup for teams:—

England 3 Jersey 0
Rumania 3 Wales 0
Czechoslovakia 3 Luxembourg 0
Hungary 3 France 0
Ireland 3 Netherlands 1
Belgium 3 Scotland 1
United States 3 Austria 2
Egypt 3 Sweden 0

IRISH GENERAL ELECTIONS

Biggest Polling Expected: De Valera First To Vote

DUBLIN, Feb. 4, (Reuter): Mr. Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister in Eire, was among the first to vote in his constituency today in the seventh general election since he and his Fianna Fail party took office 16 years ago.

With 1,700,000 electors on the register one of the biggest polls on record was expected.

Chief battle is between Mr. de Valera, whose party held 76 of the 138 seats in the last Parliament and Mr. Sean Macbride, a newcomer to the political scene who threatens to rob the Government of its independent working majority with his new Republican Party.

Mr. de Valera has won every general election since he took office in 1932, and has never had to form a coalition. But the new Republican Group won two out of three recent bye-elections, precipitating today's general election.

MADRAS GOVT.'S GESTURE TO MUSLIMS

VELLORE, Feb. 4, (UPI): Following the Madras Government's decision to release all the Muslims, who were detained in connection with the Hyderabad-Madras border incidents, 54 of such detenus, kept in the Vellore Jail, have been released today.

It may be recalled that this decision was taken by the Government as a mark respect to Gandhiji and as a gesture of goodwill towards the Muslims.

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yond the sphere of work allotted to it.

JANJIRA INTERIM GOVT.

(From A Correspondent)

JANJIRA (Murud), February 4,—The Nawab of Janjira has announced his decision to abide by the vote of his people for merger and has invited the Praja Parishad to form an Interim Government. The Praja Parishad has accepted the offer and formed a Ministry with Mr. Vishnu Pandurang Pendse as Premier and Mr. Nana Kulkarni and Dr. Obaray Ministers for Law and Order (transferred to Bombay Government).

Responsible Govt. For Bikaner

BIKANER, Feb. 2, (A.P.I.): The Maharaja of Bikaner announced today on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne, his decision to establish responsible Government in the state. The change will take place in April.

Jawhar State's People Demand Responsible Government

(From Our Correspondent)

NAHANU, Feb. 3—While all the Deccan States have decided to establish responsible Government in their areas, Jawhar still continues to have the old type of regime headed by the ruler. Social workers in the state are anxious to see that Jawhar too marches with the changed times.

In the last week of January, persons interested in the affairs of the Jawhar State met in Bombay to chalk out a plan to achieve responsible Government for the State. Mr. D. N. Alias Tatyashaib Shikhare of the Deccan States Praja Parishad, Mr. P. V. Paranjpe, M. L. A. Mr. M. J. Sankhe M.L.A. Mr. D. K. Kunte M.L.A. Mr. Shamrao Patil—President Thana District Congress Committee and Mr. V. A. Karandikar—a pleader from Dahanu, with some other workers from the Jawhar State, decided to organise a body, entitled "Jawhar Loka Sewa Sangha with a view to obtaining responsible Government for Jawhar. This body will take all such steps, including the launching of Satyagraha campaign to achieve the objective of getting responsible Government. To give the final shape to their plans, the above conveners have arrenged a meeting of all persons interested in the Jawhar State, at Dahanu on the 8th of February.

Interviewed by your correspondent, Mr. Karandikar said: "We shall not leave any stone unturned to get at our objective. We shall launch the Satyagraha movement, if we must" He said no time would be lost in taking all relevant steps in this behalf. He optimistically said that men and money would not be wanting if and when the movement was started. He, however, hoped that it would not be necessary to take the final step.

FIFTH TEST PROSPECTS

Indi· Faces A Big Task, Says Duleep

(Test preview from Duleepsinghji, Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Indian touring team.)

Australia, having won the rubber in the cricket Test matches with India have picked four new players from whom two or three may be elected for the tour of England next summer if they are successful in the fifth Test starting here on Friday. Australia, in the absence of Hassett and Morris, are not such a powerful batting combination as in the fourth Test, but Bradman, who dominated that game as well as others in the series, still remains. His presence gives India little hope of dismissing Australia for a small total.

Melbourne's wicket particularly on the first day gives bowlers little assistance but this cuts both ways. Australia's shock bowlers Lindwall, Miller and, to a leaser degree, W. Johnston, will get more life out of the wicket than they did at Adelaide.

On this Melbourne wicket the ball gets up at a normal height, unlike Adelaide where it keeps low. Melbourne is more suitable for pace bowlers, and so Lindwall and Miller are likely to be more effective than they were in the fourth Test. With Johnston to back them up, the Australian pace attack is top class. Ian Johnson, right-hand slow off-break, and ring, googly, will give variety.

India faces a big task particularly as apart from Bradman's presence there will be several men fighting for places in the next Australian touring side.

I feel that India can make a little improvment on their display at Adelaide and their chief hope is Amarnath particularly if he is able to produce ane of his big innings in which he has so far failed in the Tests. Another very faint hope is that Bradman will fail—it is long overdue.

LORD DERBY DEAD

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter): Lord Derby, former British Minister of War and a former Ambassador to France, died early today aged 82

Lord Derby had been suffering from a bronchial cold for two days and although he was slightly better last night his heart failed.

Lord Derby's heir, Lord Stanley was present when he died at his home Knowsley near Prescott, Lancashire at 2 p.m. today.

As the hero of one of England's oldest aristocratic families—the Stanleys—the seventeenth Earl of Derby was perhaps best known to the man in the street as a sportsman with a long string of successes on the turf

Up to the age 79 he took an active part in public affairs, but in July 1944 he entered into semi-retirement.

Traces Of Shakleton's Expedition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Traces of Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1915 to 1917 Antarctic expedition have been found in the icy coastes of Memurdo sound by United States explorers, it was learned here today.

The Americans found tins of ham and fruit, perfectly preserved after 31 years in the ice, two magazines, nautical instruments and an Australian newspaper.

Sir Ernest Shackleton left England in 1914 in the ship "Endurance" on this unsuccessful expedition. He was attempting a sledge journey across the South Pole from Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea, where he had arranged to be picked up, but "Endurance" was frozen in the Weddell Sea in January, 1915, and drifted in the ice until it was crushed, in October. After great difficulty Sir Ernest Shackleton landed in South America in May, 1916.

CENTRAL INDIA LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP ABANDONED

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): On account of the death of Mahatma Gandhi the Central India Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament has been abandoned this year. The Swedish tennis stars, Johansson and Bergelin left for Delhi.

STADIUM IN MEMORY OF MAHATMA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): Mr. A. S. Demello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, in paying tributes to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi suggests that the sportsmen of India be enabled to set up a National Memorial in the nature of a Stadium in New Delhi to be called the Mahatma Gandhi Stadium. He adds the site of the Stadium should be the playing grounds adjacent to the Ferozshah H. Kotla, measuring about 40 acres, the Western, Northern and Eastern boundaries of which represent one-third of the final journey made by Mahatma Gandhi.

INDIA HOCKEY TEAM'S SUCCESS

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Feb. 4, (Reuter): The All-India Hockey touring team defeated a Dar-es-Salaam comoined team on Monday, by 10 goals to 0.

The India team left this morning for Zanzibar where they will be playing later today.

WESTERN INDIA AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOMBAY, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): The annual Western India Amateur Boxing Championships will be held from 1st to 5th of March, 1948 at the Brabourne Stadium. His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will preside at the finals on the 5th of March, 1948.

Weigh in will take place at the North Stand, Brabourne Stadium at 9-30 a.m. on Sunday the 29th of February.

CONSTITUTION-MAKING BODY OF UNITED DECCAN STATE DISSOLVED

Each Of Eight Component States Now Free To Merge Into Bombay Province

POONA, Feb. 4, (API): The Raj Mandal of the United Deccan State has passed a resolution dissolving the constitution-making body of the State and abrogating the whole scheme of the Union. As a consequence, all those deriving their authority from the constitution-making body, become functus officio.

Each of the eight component States will now be free to proceed with merging itself in Bombay Province.

The Raj Mandal meeting held here, was attended by the Rajas of Bhor, Phaltan, Miraj (Senior) and representatives of Kurundwad (Senior), Miraj (Junior) and Sangli. Aundh and Ramdurg were not represented.

SARDAR'S CLARIFICATION

The resolution stated that the decision had been taken in view of the clarification made by the Indian States Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the Raj Mandal in Bombay last month, that for want of recognition of the United Deccan State, neither the Raj Mandal nor the covenant constituting them had any legal validity. The States Minister had added that the rulers of the eight States could not merge in Bombay Province 'en bloc', but each would have to enter into a separate agreement with the Indian Dominion.

The Raj Mandal, therefore, decided not to stand in the way of the people of their States if they wished to merge the States in Bombay Province.

SEEKING SARDAR'S GUIDANCE

The resolution has been telegraphically communicated by the Raj Mandal to Sardar Patel. This communication refers to the Raja of Aundh's notification ordering a referendum based on adult franchise for ascertaining public opinion of the State regarding merger and says that some people in other States were also making similar demands.

While expressing their willingness to abide by the resolution of the constitution-making body in favour of merger, it points out that if the Minister would allow the Aundh move, then the position of other rulers who were till now members of the Deccan State would become difficult in refusing similar demands from their subjects. If the Minister proposed to treat the constitution-making body's resolution as binding on all the eight rulers of the United Deccan State, then the rulers asked for guidance on further procedure to settle the terms of the merger.

CONSTITUTION-MAKING BODY'S RESOLUTIONS ULTRA VIRES'

The Raj Mandal has also declared in its resolution as "ultra vires" the two other resolutions passed by the constitution-making body, one authorising Mr. Ramanayan Bajaj to negotiate the terms of merger and authorising some of its members to carry on negotiations with individual units of the United Deccan State and the other regarding the appointment of a committee to see that the savings of individual States were spent in the areas of those States. The resolution stated that the only power the constitution-making body had was to proceed with the work of constitution-making. If public opinion was found to favour merger, then the body had to desist from the work of constitution-making. It could not arrogate to itself other powers on the plea that it was a sovereign body, for its sovereignty could not go be-

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To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURORS.

Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

THE SILVERFISH: Due to state-mourning, today's Meeting is postponed.

BOMBAY UNION OF JOURNALISTS: A meeting of Bombay journalists will be held to mourn the death of Mahatma Gandhi at the Club of the Union, Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road, at 6 p.m., today (Thursday).

FREEDOM GROUP: Under the joint auspices of the Freedom Group and the Zarthosti Unnati Dwara, a condolence meeting to mourn Gandhiji's death will be held at Cama Library Hall, 2nd Floor, Apollo Street, at 6-15 p.m., today. Prof. P. A. Wadia will preside. Speakers: Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Smt. Jaishriben Raiji, Shri R. P. Masani, Dr. B. H. Mehta Shri M. D. Japheth and others.

CONDOLENCE MEETING AT SANTACRUZ: There will be a public meeting to mourn the sad demise of Mahatma Gandhi under the auspices of Santacruz Taluka Congress Committee, at Podar High School, at 9 p.m., today.

BOMBAY PATIDAR SAMAJ: A condolence meeting of the Patidars of Bombay will be held at 5-0 p.m. (S. T.), today, at Mafatlal Baug, French Bridge, to condole the tragic demise of Mahatma Gandhi.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: There will be no Meeting of the Corporation today (Thursday). The next Meeting of the Corporation will be held on Monday, the 9th February.

GRAIN AND OILSEEDS MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: A condolence meeting under the auspices of almost all the Commercial Associations of Mandvi locality will be held tomorrow (Friday), at 6-0 p.m. to mourn the death of Mahatma Gandhiji at Masjid Bunder Road, (Dana Bunder). Mr. B. G. Kher, will preside.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDS: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 4 Umarkhadi —Dongri will meet near Junction of Clinch-Bunder Road and Sandhurst Rd., (New Petrol Station) on Friday at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) to go round the Ward.

ART EVENING: Today (Thursday), at 6-15 p.m., at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. Mr. Amberkar, the chairman of the Art Society of India will deliver a public lecture on "Historical aspects of Indian Art".

G. L. MEHTA FOR DELHI

BOMBAY, Feb. 4 (API): Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indian Tariff Board, is proceeding to Delhi to attend a meeting of the Governing Body of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to be held on February 6, 1948. He is expected to return on February 9.

CEYLON INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY CANCELLED.

The Ceylon Trade Commissioner for India writes: As a mark of profound respect to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi the Ceylon Trade Commissioner for India has cancelled the Ceylon Independence Day Party fixed for the 10th February, 1948, at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

TOURING EYE HOSPITAL.

During 18 days Camp at Petlad, the eye-specialist of Karachi treated 125 patients suffering from various eye-diseases, and performed 25 major operations on the blind. The next camp has been fixed at Amreli (Kathiawar) from 6th to 23rd inst. The operations will be done up to 17th inst. All work for the poor is free.

VALUE OF KEROSENE UNITS

The Public Relations Officer (Rationing) Bombay, writes: A Press Note issued by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, states that the value of Kerosene units on various ration documents in Greater Bombay have been fixed for the month of February as shown below:—Lighting:—One gallon in all for business premises and hotels and 1/4 gallon per unit for households.

Non-lighting:—One gallon in all for business premises and hotels and 3/4 gallon per unit for households.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Feb. 5. (Thursday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. V. D. Ambhaikar (Bhavgeet Yeshwant) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Jaltarang Par Bijonas By S. V. Patwardhan 8-45 Suman Shroff (Gujarati Geet Mohini Chandra) 9-0 V. D. Ambhaikar (Dadi) 12-0 p.m. Programme for Women (M) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 "Vividh Sangeet" 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 London Sym. Orch. (Schubert) 4-20 School Broadcasts 5-0 S. V. Patwardhan 5-15 Children's Half Hour (E) 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Saleh Mohammad and Party (Naat) 6-30 Kamala Vijapurkar (Patdeep) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Stage songs (K. P. Khadilkar) 7-30 Kalpnani Peli Par—Nandkumarno Kisso (G) 7-45 "Pahale Aap" 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Hirakani (M) play written by Sa Friday 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Recorded Interlude 9-45 Sports Review by R. I. D'Avoine 10-0 Goody Seerval and His Orch. 10-45 Tino Rossi—Tenor.

VARIATIONS.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. 'Bhakti' 5-45 p.m. Tabala Tarang 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Com. News 8-0 Suman Shroff (Gujarati Geet (Kolak) 8-15 Saleh Mohammad and Party (Naat) 9-0 Swami Vallabhdas (Gara Kanada) 10-0 Kamala Vijapurkar (Malkauns) 10-30 Swami Vallabhdas (Durbari).

RADIO BROADCAST: On Thursday, 5th February, at 7-30 p.m., All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast a talk in Gujarati by Lady Prem Lila Thakersey. At 7-45 p.m. a feature in Kannada on Mahatma Gandhi will be broadcast. The feature is entitled "Satyameva Jayate" at 10 p.m. on 244 metres will be broadcast 'Indian Lament" by Mario Pagliarin which has been specially composed in memory of Mahatma Gandhi, the spiritual father of Humanity. It will be played on the cello by Egidio Verga.

In the Rural Broadcast from 6-15 to 5-35 p.m. a feature in Gujarati entitled "Dandi Kuch", written by Patel Gopalbhai on produced by Dhinubhai Dani. will be broadcast.

B.P.C.C. PAYS HOMAGE TO MAHATMA GANDHI

S. K. Patil's Appeal To People To Bear Their Grief Bravely

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

An earnest appeal to the people to bear their grief bravely in this hour of grave national crisis and dedicate themselves to the service of those ideals for which Mahatma Gandhi lived and died, was made this evening by Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, presiding over a meeting of the B.P.C.C. held to mourn the sad death of Gandhiji.

A resolution condoling the death of Mahatmaji under tragic circumstances and paying him tribute on behalf of the Committee, for his selfless services to the Nation, was passed at the meeting.

Mr. Patil said that Gandhiji was the greatest of all the great men who not only infused self-confidence and courage in Indians and won freedom for them but by his creed of non-violence and truth brought Hinduism to the forefront in the world. He was the embodiment of love and in the service of humanity he made no distinction between man and man. By his greatness he was able to acquire for India a high international stature and a position of honour and dignity.

Mr. Patil referred to the situation prevailing in the country and said that it was the duty of all to stand united behind the National Government.

REPLY TO SOCIALISTS

He was surprised to read this morning in newspapers the statement given by Socialist Party leaders including Mr. Jai Prakash Narain at a Press Conference in Delhi. Mr. Patil said that this was not the proper time to make such a public statement. It only revealed self-interest and it could not be described as a demand of Socialists, for reconstitution of the Central Government Cabinet. The aspersions cast by the Socialist leaders on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Home Minister in the National Government, were absolutely false. The portfolios held by Sardar Patel, Mr. Patil said, were handed by him magnificently and wonderfully. The Sardar had earned a very good credit all over the country.

If Socialists wanted to share the responsibility of the Government:, Mr. Patil, concluded, they were entitled to do so but the tactics adopted by them for capturing power were neither fair nor timely.

B.P.C.C.'s SUPPORT TO NEHRU GOVT.

The resolution assured the BPCC's unreserved and wholehearted support to and expressed complete confidence in the present Government of Free India and called upon every Indian in general and Congressman in particular to stand solidly, without any reserve and in a disciplined manner, behind the present Government.

Standing Committee's Homage To Mahatma

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was adjourned today, after its members paid homage to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. The Chairman, Mr. V. B. Gandhi, said it was an irony that one who had infused the spirit of Ahimsa in the hearts of millions should himself have been the victim of Ahimsa. They passed a condolence resolution copies of which will be sent to the Prime Minister, the Congress President and the Mahatma's family.

Rotary International's Tribute

Sir Behram N. Karanjia, Governor 92nd District, Rotary International, Bombay, has received the following telegram dated London 2nd February 1948 from Rotarian John Mackie, President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

"Please convey on behalf of the Rotarians of R.I.B.I., to Rotarians of your District expression of our deepest sympathy and sense of grievous loss of a great man on the death of Mr. Gandhi. We join them in their sorrow and mourning—Mackie, President."

At the District Conference of Rotarians of the 92nd Rotary District held at Nagpur on 31st January following resolutions were passed:

"The Rotarians of the 92nd District having assemoled for the District Conference in Nagpur, have heard with horror the dastardly assassination of our beloved Mahatma Gandhi—father of the Indian Nation, and World Teacher—and place on record the great and irreparable loss, which the world in general, and our country in particular, has suffered. He lived and died for peace and goodwill among mankind. May God bless the departed soul in eternal peace."

The Rotarians resolve that as a mark of honour, esteem and affection for our beloved leader-Mahatma Gandhi to adjourn without transacting any business.

Bombay Condoles Mahatma's Death

Resolutions condoling the death of Mahatma Gandhi were passed by the following Associations and Institutions in Bombay:—Bombay Coke Merchants' Association; Tata Institute of Social Sciences; Teachers and Students of the Esplanade Middle School; Central Committee of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation; Technological Laboratory of the Indian Central Cotton Committee, Matunga; Vanita Vishram Association; Lad Mahila Samaj; Bombay Shareholders' Association; Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association; Bombay Jain Terapanthi Sabha; Bombay Muslim Students' Union; Broach Modh Mandal; Bombay South Indian Adi-Dravida Manajana Sangh; Social Workers' Society; Young Men's Hindu Association; Bombay Province Bullion Association.

IMPERIAL INDIAN CITIZENSHIP ASSOCIATION: Sir Purushotamdas Thakurdas, Chairman, the Council of Imperial Indian Citizenship Association has issued the following statement on the death of Mahatma Gandhi:—

"The Council of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association learnt with profoundest sorrow the news of a diabolical attack on Mahatma Gandhi in Delhi by a woefully misguided Indian and express their deep grief at the lamented, untimely and sudden loss of the beloved Founder and one of the Life Members of the Association. The national calamity has shocked the Members beyond words.

It behoves Indians abroad to live up to Mahatmaji's lofty idealism, to emulate his great sacrifices and patriotism, to bear in mind his personal and political integrity and his spotless character. If they do this, they may find solace in their distress for the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi will never desert them. By following the footsteps of Mahatmaji, they are assured an honourable place in the countries they live in under adverse circumstances. His sacred memory will ever remain a beacon light to Indians at home and abroad."

The Council convey their deepest sympathy to the Members of Mahatmaji's family whose irreparable loss is indeed of the whole nation, nay of the world".

HE RAISED INDIA'S PRESTIGE

Ever since his says return to India in 1915 from South Africa where he, for the first time in his life successfully tried the newly found weapon of non-violence against the forces of evil as manifested in the anti-Asiatic laws of that Dominion, Mahatma Gandhi never lost touch with his countrymen abroad, whom he considered as his first love" says Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, in another statement:— Indeed the little relief that Indians in the British Dominions and Colonies received from the powers that be has been mainly due to the vigilant eye and ceaseless efforts of the great departed soul.

"Mahatmaji's message of love and non-violence reached the remotest corners of the earth and gave a ray of hope to the oppressed and showed the world that international disputes could be settled without resorting to arms. His noble life devoted to the cause of humanity and liberty raised India's status and prestige in the comity of nations".

DENA BANK PAYS HOMAGE TO MAHATMA GANDHI

A condolence meeting to mourn the demise of Mahatma Gandhi was held at the Head Office of the Dena Bank on Monday, under the Presidentship of the Bank's Chairman Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee. After reciting Mahatmaji's favourite bhajan "Vaishnava Janato" and reading a few quotations from his writings, Mr. Pranlal paying homage said that in the untimely demise of Revered Mahatmaji India has suffered an irreparable loss and the least we could do at this juncture to serve our country is to pledge ourselves to his great precepts of Truth. Non-violence and Unity.

TIMELESS SYMBOL OF COMPASSIONATE LOVE!'

'Pakistan Times' Tribute To Mahatma

LAHORE, Feb. 4. (I.P.A.): Under caption "Glorious Dust", the "Pakistan Times", pays a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

It says: "Mahatma Gandhi is dead. The world has been deprived of the sight and sound of his frail body and aged voice—the body and voice that had in the last few months almost lost, for a large section of mankind, then personal and ephemeral character and become timeless symbols of compassionate love and fearless rectitude.

It was he, who lighted the path for Moslems and Hindus alike, during our earlier travels towards the goal of national liberation.

"For in these last momentous days Gandhi, the politician, gave place to the infinitely greater Gandhi, the man. He saw, as few of us can fail to see, that spread out underneath the present political cantour of India and Pakistan is one vast immensity of unhappiness and fear and suffering and he strove to as few of us have had the courage to strive to press back the dimensions of this suffering into circumscription and confine."

"And now he is gone....The poor idiot or maniac who committed the crime was certainly not the only man responsible. Who had fed his mind with such fell hate for the weary old man seeking to purge men's heart with love? What nefarious potion made him flex his muscles to lay violent hands on the apostle of non-violence? Every man who has thought and felt and spoken and acted as Gandhiji's assassin did, was his accomplice.

....Once the Hindus and Moslems of the undivided India mingled their blood to fight for freedom under Gandhi's banner during the Khilafat days: Let us hope they will now mingle their tears over his glorious dust, to retain their peaceful freedom under the independent flags of India and Pakistan."

Photo taken on the occasion of the recent visit of Governor General of the Union of India Lord Louis Mountbatten when he flew from Jubbulpore to Nagpur in one of the Indian Overseas Airlines planes. Mr. J. M. Akhani, Chairman, Indian Overseas Airlines, is on the left and Mr. Regi, Commissioner, Jubbulpore, is on the right of Governor-General.

Bombay Governor Back In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh, attended by Mr. L. M. Nadkarni, Private Secretary, returned to Bombay from New Delhi.

ANDHERI SABHA BRANCH DISSOLVED

The President, Andheri Branch of the Hindu Sabha, in a statement expresses deep sorrow at the tragic end of Pujya Mahatmaji and announces that the Andheri Branch of the Sabha is hereby dissolved.

PAKISTAN LEAGUE COUNCIL

LAHORE, Feb. 3 (API): A meeting of the Council of the Pakistan Muslim League will be held at Karachi at 10 a.m. on Saturday Feb. 21.

The dispute between the Barsi Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited, Barsi and its employees in the clerical department has been referred to the Industrial Court for arbitration.

PORTUGAL AND PAKISTAN

The Consul for Portugal in Bombay writes to us as follows:—

"Your paper in its issue dated 15th January 1948 published news under the heading 'Portuguese Destroyer Delivering Arms to Pakistan?' stating that Portuguese armaments were being supplied to Pakistan through Diu and suggesting that the last Governor of Diu did not die of heart attack but committed suicide on account of despair caused by the unrealistic policy of his superiors regarding the problems of Portuguese India.

I beg to inform you that I am directed by my Government to deny categorically the above news, which are entirely baseless, and I shall feel much obliged if you will publish in your Paper this my denial."

The dispute between the Crompton Pakinson (Works) limited, Bombay and the workmen employed under it, has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication.

MARRIAGE RECEPTION POSTPONED

THE MARRIAGE of MOHAMED HASSAN KAZERANI with Sana Khanom daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Shaikh Abbas that was to take place at the Cricket Club of India on the 8th February has been POSTPONED owing to the sad demise of Mahatma Gandhi.

M. H. KAZERANI.

WEDDING VENUE CHANGED

Reception Cancelled

Mr. K. B. HIRA and R. B. TOPANDAS NRIBHSING SHARANI regret to announce that due to the national bereavement, the wedding of Gurdas and Duru will not be solemnised at Jinnah Hall as announced in the invitation and the reception has been CANCELLED.

Instead it will take place at the residence of D. T. ADVANI, SUMMERSET HOUSE, SOPHIA COLLEGE ANNEXE, Warden Road, at 7 P.M. on FRIDAY, the 6th February.

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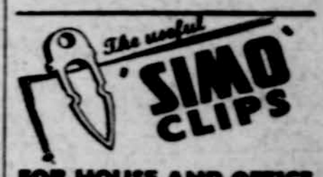

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LIMESTONE

from the Valley of the Mighty Indus

Tumbling down from the Himalayas, the glacier-born Indus flows through Kashmir into the Punjab, the land of the five rivers. Here, rising east and west from its banks, are vast scarps of limestone, one of the most useful rocks for many industrial processes. East into the Punjab from Daud Khel to Baghanwala, and west into the North West Frontier Province from Kohat to Dera Ismail Khan are inexhaustible quantities of high grade limestone. It is used for building, for road-making, as a flux in smelting iron and lead ores as an ingredient in Portland cement and, when burnt to lime, for making mortar, bleaching powder and other chemicals. Limestone also occurs in various other parts of the country. In the hilly country south and west of Mussoorie in the United Provinces, a band of marble (a 'metamorphic' limestone which has been crystallised) has been traced. This band is estimated to be capable of making more than 34 million tons of marble available to the country. At present the Jubbulpore district of the Central Provinces is one of the largest working sources of limestone in the country.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 4. (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st November, 1947 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 4th February, 1948:—

Ahmedabad 80 53 0 4.4 plus 3.2, Baroda 80 47 0 0.2 —, BOMBAY 81 69 0 0.3 minus 0.4, Calcutta 86 64 0.2 2.1 plus 0.6, Delhi 75 42 0 2.6 plus 1.0, Hyderabad (Du.) 92 63 0 1.1 minus 0.6, Hyderabad (Sd.) 72 42 0 0 minus 0.4, Karachi — 50 0 0.3 minus 0.5, Madras 87 70 0 5.5 minus 15.3, Mahabaleshwar 73 49 0 1.5 minus 0.5, Nagpur 88 57 0 3.8 plus 2.1, Poona 84 53 0 1.8 plus 0.5, Sholapur 92 61 0 0.4 minus 1.5, Simla 33 24 T minus 3.1, Surat 81 57 0 0.1 minus 0.4.

DAILY WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Feb. 4. (A. P. I.): The following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, the 4th February, 1948: Thundershowers have been widespread in south-west Bengal and Chota Nagpur and occurred locally along and near the Punjab Kumaon Hills. A few showers are also reported from Assam, Bihar, Kashmir and Malbar.

FORECAST UNTIL 5TH EVENING:—Thundershowers will occur locally in North Bengal and Assam and a few stations in North Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Chota Nagpur, the East United Provinces and the extreme south Peninsula. Night temperatures will fall further over the country west of long.

Cold Wave In Simla

SIMLA, Feb. 4, (A. P. I.): Simla is in the grip of severe cold wave. The minimum temperature recorded on Wednesday was twenty-four degrees Fahrenheit, eight degrees below freezing point. The total snowfall on Tuesday evening was eight inches.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Are we not his heirs, his spiritual decendants, legatees of his great ideals, successors of his great work? The time is over for private sorrows. The time is here and now to stand up and say: 'We take up the challenge with those who defied Mahatma Gandhi".

—Sarojini Naidu.

The Bombay Chronicle

URBAN REHABILITATION

None too early is the Central Government's Bill to establish a Rehabilitation Finance Administration to help refugee resettlement. This body is semi-autonomous, carrying on its operations on business lines as far as possible and is provided with funds to the tune of Rs. 10 crores by the Central Government. Its administration would be on an All-India basis and in co-operation with all the Provincial Governments. But it is empowered to act more speedily than the average Government Departments. Its general policy will be laid down by the Central Government and within its limits the Administration will help the re-settlement of refugees mainly in urban areas, there being other schemes for rural areas. The Administration is empowered to give direct loans to the refugees to the extent of Rs. 7 crores, to rediscount bills of exchange to the extent of Rs. 1 crore, and to guarantee banks and other financing institutions against losses to the extent of 50 per cent in any individual case in respect of loans to refugees.

Some such Government scheme was absolutely necessary. Most refugees would need long-term loans and it would not be possible for ordinary commercial banks to help them with such loans. And the proposed Industrial Finance Corporation is intended mainly to help large-scale industries. The general policy laid down by Government for the Administration seems to be satisfactory, and details are capable of improvement by the Select Committee to which the bill has been referred. The 6 per cent rate of interest on loans was objected to by several members of the Assembly as being too high, but that is only the maximum rate and even that can be reduced through rebates for regular repayment of the loans. The suggestion that aid should be given only to public limited concerns and not to private individuals is not feasible as in the present circumstances it will be difficult for many refugees to form such concerns before asking for aid. But it is obvious that loans should be given with special care to individuals, and refugees should be encouraged to work in co-operative concerns as far as possible.

It should be noted that the proposed scheme is but one of the many to help the refugees. Apart from schemes of relief to refugees in rural areas under various provincial Governments, special loans are contemplated to persons following certain learned professions, medical, legal and other, not coming under the scope of the Bill. There is also a separate scheme of assistance to refugee students in general. If special facilities are provided for the training of lakhs of artisans and mechanics they will not only help to solve the problem of rehabilitation but also help the implementation of the various development schemes which the Government and the Congress are contemplating. From this point of view Mr. Neogy, Minister for Relief and rehabilitation, has good reason to say: "We may have to be grateful to the refugees for having drawn our attention to the urgency of the problem of planning for the development of this country and, perhaps, future generations will acknowledge their gratitude to the so-called refugees for having furnished the manpower, which is necessary for the purpose of developing the resources of the country as a whole". Indeed, so essential and urgent is this work of rehabilitation that the public will be happy to learn from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that Government will appoint the proposed Administration by an executive order and it will begin to function at once. Day after day Gandhiji felt it necessary to reassure the refugees that Government would do everything possible to rehabilitate them without any avoidable delay. Government has taken the earliest occasion to introduce the necessary legislation, in addition to many rehabilitation schemes already undertaken under executive decisions.

Free Ceylon

India rejoices in a special measure over the newly won freedom of Ceylon with which it has had long spiritual association. Ceylon's political freedom attained after several centuries of domination was described by its Premier "as second only in importance to the message of spiritual freedom delivered by Buddha 2,500 years ago". Britain deserves congratulations on relinquishing her stranglehold over the island. It is true Ceylon is still a Dominion of the British Commonwealth, but the new status is an honourable one and Ceylon is entitled to declare itself completely independent if it finds association with the Commonwealth prejudicial to its interest. We echo the hope expressed by Sir Henry Monk-Mason, the Governor-General that Ceylon's freedom will be used to give fuller and freer life to the common man. Ceylon, its Government and people have the best wishes of India and her people on the new and auscipious adventure on which they are embarking.

Frankly Speaking

Ban On R. S. S.

The Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh has been declared an unlawful organisation throughout India. The Communique issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs says "that the cult of violence sponsored and inspired by the Sangh claimed many victims—the latest and the most precious to fall was Mahatma Gandhi himself". The Government's charge sheet against the R. S. S. is formidable as its individual members are indicted of "violence involving arson, robbery, dacoity and murder, illicit collection of arms and ammunition and resort to terrorist methods to create disaffection against the Government and suborn the police and military". It is well-known that the RSS has become a militant organisation with a net work of branches throughout the country, developing to menacing proportions. Whatever might have been the justification for its existence in the past, it has become a dangerous anachronism in a Free India, with a National Government functioning at the Centre and in the Provinces. The Government has stayed its hands long and has at last been forced to ban its activities. There is hardly any doubt that people will support the Government decision to stamp out communal violence. The RSS has to thank itself for the Government ban. It has deviated from its original and laudable aim and object of promoting physical culture and social service among the Hindus, as is evident from the fact that its individual members were found associated with terrorist activities of a reprehensible type.

Mob Rule

It is also necessary for Government to deal firmly with those who take the law into their own hands against suspects. The motives of such persons or the provocations which infuriated them cannot justify their belabouring suspects and destroying their property. We understand that, in some cases, property was destroyed on public roads right under the nose of policemen, who were standing by while the property was being looted or set on fire. If the facts are as stated, it brings Government into disgrace. It is up to those who have witnessed such lawlessness to give to the higher authorities information helpful in detecting those who participated in or abetted such lawlessness and also those policemen who failed to deal with them or ask for more police help.

Support The Government

We have not the slightest doubt that Government had taken all reasonable precautions to prevent various possible tragedies in various places as a result of rampant communal hatred. And Government is continuing to take, steps to bring to book all the persons involved in what seems to be a regular conspiracy. It is the duty of the public to give every possible help in this matter and we feel sure they will do so. As regards the well-meant suggestion made by some to Government to penalise all communal political institutions, we would repeat that while such institutions are undesirable and should be voluntarily dissolved—as in fact they have already begun to be dissolved—it is inexpedient and unfair to penalise indiscriminately all such bodies even if they adopt constitutional methods. What is wanted most is educative propaganda to induce the people to form and support non-communal political parties.

Gandhi Memorials

Lakhs of rupees are being already offered for suitable memorials to Gandhiji in various parts of the country. The Birla House has become national property and bids fair to be a most inspiring centre of pilgrimage. Offers of over Rs. 25 lakhs are said to have been made so far to the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee for memorials to be designed by the Committee. One of the most pleasing memorials is that planned by the textile workers of Ahmedabad who have unanimously decided to contribute their three days' earnings, including dearness allowance, to the "Gandhi Labour Memorial Fund" to propagate the Gandhian ideology in the sphere of industrial welfare. This devoted offering by the poor workers should be an example to the people of the country, particularly to those who are rich. It is to be hoped that other memorials too will be in accordance with the principles for which Gandhiji lived and died.

Arabs Attack Jewish Convoy

Fire Opened From Legion Camp Near Haifa: Five Killed

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (Reuter): Four Jews and one Jewess were known today to have been killed by fire from troops of the Arab Legion on a Jewish convoy near Haifa last night it was officially reported here today.

Fifteen Jews were stated to have been wounded

Jewish sources said today that the convoy was fired on from the Arab Legion camp outside Haifa after a bomb had exploded in Haifa, killing four Arabs and wounding three yesterday.

An official Government report said however, that the Arab Legion was fired on by Jews in the convoy and legion men then returned the fire.

Six Jews were wounded when an armoured bus in which they were travelling in Haifa today was ambushed in the Khalisa quarter and raked with gunfire it was officially reported.

The English language Zionist daily paper the Palestine Post whose offices were burned out on Sunday night after Arabs had wrecked the building with a lorry load of explosives, was still carrying on today and has not missed an edition since the attack.

COMMUNISTS DETAINED

LONDON Feb. 4, (Reuter):

The British Foreign Office today stated that a considerable number of Communist Party members had been discovered among the 15,000 Jewish illegal immigrants on the ships PAN YORK and PAN CRESCENT, who are now detained at Cyprus.

Siam Premier's Tenure Secure

BANGKOK, Feb. 4, (Reuter): Khuang Abhaiwong's re-emergence as Premier of Siam is now certain, since the general election results give him 45 of the 95 seats in the new Parliament and with the support of some of the 32 unattached independents, his democrat party will be dominant. The Premier was installed in office after Marshal Pibul Songkram's "coup d'etat" of last November.

HIS VISION WAS FAR-REACHING

Sir Maharaj Singh Recalls His Association With Gandhiji

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (API): Sir Maharaja Singh, Governor of Bombay in a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi broadcast from All-India Radio tonight declared: "Mahatma Gandhi died as he lived with a hatred of violence and communalism and with a profound belief in our common humanity.

Sir Maharaja Singh said:

The quality in the Mahatma which most impressed itself on my mind was his intense humanity. He was interested in the whole world and had a truly international outlook. Caste, creed and race meant nothing to him. His vision was far wider. He loved children. I also recall his great sense of humour. He loved to laugh and thoroughly enjoyed a joke.

Last December when I saw him he seemed oppressed by the prevailing communal disquiet and said in reply to a question which I put to him that he would not leave Delhi unless there was a definite improvement in the communal situation and so he died as he lived with a hatred of violence and communalism in any shape or form and with a profound belief in our common humanity".

Horace Alexander's Tribute To Mahatma

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4. (A. P. I.): Mr. Horace Alexander of the Friends Ambulance Unit, broadcasting from Calcutta station of All-India Radio last night, paid a tribute of love and reverence to that "Most kingly of kings, our beloved Mahatma Gandhi".

THE LIGHT OF OUR LAND

Gandhiji's Politics Was Only His Spiritual Autobiography Writ Large

(BY GAGANVIHARI MEHTA)

It is five days now since a figure for whose like mankind will have to wait for generations has passed away from our midst. How painful a thought that every day that goes takes him away from us further and further; and he is becoming a memory, and would in time become an epic and a legend! The very idea of our losing him was too dreadful to contemplate. Gandhiji had become for us an integral and vital part of our national and even individual existence. He had survived so many fasts, passed unscathed through so many fiery ordeals, faced such dangerous situations, undergone such tremendous personal risks that somehow we had become accustomed to his safety, somehow we felt that NOTHING could injure him or deprive us of his beneficent presence. Like the sun and the evening star he seemed constant, like the timeless city of Benares and the ever-flowing, holy Ganges, he seemed eternal. But little did we realise not merely that he was mortal but also how utterly depraved men could become. It is disgrace abounding that the great moral prophet of this age should be snatched away from us by cold-blooded, cowardly murder at the hands of his own countryman. Gandhiji, who could not hurt the tiniest creature on earth, he who refused to recognise a single human being as enemy, he whose constant endeavour it was to wipe the tears from the eyes of the humblest was foully, cruelly murdered. Is there no depth to human depravity, no limit even to wickedness?

WHY HE ENTERED POLITICS

Speaking of Jesus Christ, John Middleton Murry has observed that actually the tragedy of Jesus arose directly from the incompatibility of his ethical passion, to which he was totally surrendered, with his environment. Once he saw, quite clearly, that he could not make men understand his gospel, he prepared himself for the final sacrifice which was inevitable. That he saw it was inevitable and yet endured it to the end was his supreme victory. Precisely in the same manner, a moral passion has moved Gandhiji all his life. Those who seek to examine his life and contribution by the ordinary social yardstick failed to understand their significance. And those for whom politics is an art of manoeuvring for personal or party aggrandisement or an instrument for the acquisition of power and wealth may and did scoff at him. He was beyond and above the narrow categories, the cynical standards of such politics. His politics was only his spiritual autobiography writ large. His eyes were firmly set on the ends of our social efforts and organization, on those values without which our institutions and activities and even our very existence are all sound and fury, froth and foam signifying nothing. What dragged him into politics was not the lure of office or the lust of power or the yearning for fame but his deep sense of human values. He could not bear the denial of these values in the Punjab wrong. He saw a social system based upon an inhuman practice like untouchability, an economic order upon the refinement of greed, an imperial system upon the domination and exploitation of weaker peoples. It was against these fundamental evils that his soul revolted, not against any race or creed or policy. And just as his sensitive and alert conscience "could NOT BEAR the denial of human values involved in the virtual condonation of Dyerism so he COULD NOT BEAR the denial of a sense of national and human brotherhood, the negation of a spirit of fraternity and love and even ordinary humanity in the events of the last five months. While on the 15th of Aug. the people of India rejoiced, this builder of our national freedom was a lonely figure in the humble and remote "bustees" of Calcutta preaching and practising the art of compassion and charity and tolerance. While others shouted and sang, he knew intuitively that there was heavy weather ahead of us and that unless we learnt the ways of peace, the precipice was too near and the end could only be chaos and ruin. For him, national freedom had no meaning if it did not rest secure on the common decencies of life, on free and natural relations between man and man. With the poet, he mourned on what man has made of man. So instinctive, deep-rooted was his aversion to violence and hatred that he thought life not worth living if this was the culmination of the national movement which he had led and the pacific and heroic battles he had fought.

SECRET OF HIS HOLD

People thoughtlessly called him at one time a dictator. What a dictator! At the root of his extraordinary hold on the vast masses of people —perhaps unsurpassed in the annals of history—there was no physical force, no violent compulsion, nor even a cult or a religious order but simply moral strength almost divine selflessness, unique power of service and suffering and sacrifice. National leaders have been admired and applauded, feared and followed and thrown over. But no leader, political or religious, has been worshipped in this wise nor so sincerely and intensely loved by such vast multitudes. He had become one of us in our homes. He was not only the focal point of our national aspirations he was also a beloved "Bapu" an intimate member of the family of millions. This powerful "dictator" consistently refused to dictate to any one he only argued and reasoned and sought to persuade and when he failed imposed hardship and suffering on himself! Indeed, this strange "dictator" resolutely declined even to permit himself to be protected; or else all those valiant troops who gave him the last honours denied even to the mightiest monarchs could have willingly guarded his person day and night.

A FINAL VINDICATION

Some years ago, in a weekly competition about the imaginary last words of living men, in the columns of the NEW STATESMAN, Gandhiji was made to say "Why so violent, O Death?" It was meant to be the comment of a fervent believer in non-violence on the violence of Yama. But it has been almost prophetic. The apostle of non-violence has perished through violence, he who preached unity and love has been the victim of the dark forces of disruption and hatred His martyrdom is the final vindication of all that he lived and strived for but though the glory is his, the deep shame and humiliation are ours. Romain Rolland has said that men waited all these generations for Christ and when He came, they crucified Him; and if He would come again, they would crucify Him again. And so Gandhiji even in his passing away has given the ultimate verdict on human "progress" through the centuries on our much vaunted "civilization" and even on our great "spiritual" heritage of which we incessantly boast.

PASSIVE RESISTERS' DEFIANT MARCH INTO TRANSVAAL

South African Speaker Disallows Adjournment Motion

CAPETOWN, Feb. 4. (Reuter): Colonel C. F. Stallard (South African Party—Pietermaritzburg) today asked the Minister of the interior Mr H. G. Lawrence in the Assembly whether a second batch of Indian Passive Resisters had crossed into the Transvaal and reached Johannesburg in open defiance of the existing law and without interference from the police and whether he would state when and in what way he intended to take action Col Stallard also asked whether the Passive Resistance Council had given public notice that a third batch of passive resisters would be introduced from Natal into the Transvaal in the next few days and, if so, whether the Government would permit or prevent this breach of the law.

The Minister replied that a second batch of Indians had passed into Transvaal and referred Col Stallard to the answer he had given on January 1. Should a breach of the law occur the police would take appropriate action.

National members: A breach of the law has occurred. Your are sidestepping the issue

Col. Stallard then moved adjournment of the house on a matter or urgent public importance "in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the reply and in view of the urgent breach of law which is threatened to take place."

The Speaker disallowed the motion "in view of the statement by the Minister that this matter is in the hands of the police."

CALL TO SPORTSMEN

BOMBAY, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): The Executive Committee of the Bombay Provincial Olympic Association in a resolution of condolence on the death of Mahatma Gandhi has appealed to "each and every sportsman and sportswoman in the country in general and in this province in particular to treat as a mark of respect to the loving memory of Mahatma Gandhi's life-work, every other sportsman or sportswoman, irrespective of the community or religion to which he or she may belong with love and cultivate mutual trust and fellow-feeling."

Mr. Alexander recalled that for many months latterly, of the few personal possessions that were always on Mahatma Gandhi's desk as he wrote was a little China model of three monkeys, signifying "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil". Every day as he sat writing or taking his food, and talking to his friends, those three little China monkeys sat there, as a perpetual reminder to "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil, and if ever a man lived upto that tremendous rule of life it surely was Gandhiji", said Mr. Alexander. "Indeed one might say that he went beyond it; he literally thought no evil".

NO PEGGING OF WAGES TO STEM INFLATION THREAT

Attlee Govt. Falls In Line With Trade Union Policy

LONDON, Feb. 4, (Reuter): The Attlee Government fell into line today with the policy of the Trades Union Congress that there should be no pegging of wages to prevent the threat of nation wide inflation and no interference with the existing machinery of collective bargaining.

The Government issued a statement warning that there should be no more "general" increases in wages unless accompanied by corresponding increases in production.

It declared that there was "no justification" for rises in incomes from profits, but it allowed that higher wages and salaries could be justified in exceptional cases consistent with the national interest.

Today the Government offered the alternative of general agreement to act together "upon sound and public spirited lines" or a serious and prolonged economic setback. It emphasised that each claim for increased wages must be decided on the basis of the particular industry's contribution to the national well-being.

OFFENSIVE ON CHINCHOW STARTS

Communist Troops Pour In To Reach Strategic City

NANKING, Feb. 4, (Reuter): Communist troops 100,000 strong poured into the Talinho river battle-front today from the Sinlitun and Panshan areas of Manchuria as General Lin Pitao Communist Commander-in-Chief there completed preparations for an all out bid to reach the strategic city of Chinchow 130 miles south-west of Mukden.

All Chinese deports, independent and semi-official, stressed the seriousness of the Government's position in the south-western Manchurian corridor—the life-line of the Government armies in the north-east. In the Liaoyang battle area, forty miles south of Mukden, Government troops were semi-officially reported to have withdrawn from the outer defences partly to the important railway bridge just north-east of Liaoyang and partly to the city itself.

ATTACK ON SHASO

During the past 24 hours Communist troops began attacking the rail town of Shaso, ten miles south of Liaoyang and only five miles from Anshan site of the largest steel plant in China.

A Government spokesman claimed that Government troops had extended their areas around both Kirin and Changchun. Communist pressure, however, was still intense mechanised columns now stood abreast of the railroad and the situation would soon be improved, he said.

Late despatches today reported that Government troops in southern Honan Province, operating with strong air support recaptured Loho, south of the Peiping-Hankow Railway and have gained control of Siping and Suiping on the railway in Central Honan.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

KRISHNA: Manifold the renewals of my birth
Have been, Arjuna! and of thy births, too!
But mine I know, and thine thou knowest not,
O Slayer of the Foes! Albeit I be
Unborn, undying, indestructible,
The Lord of all things living; not the less—
By Maya, by my magic which I stamp
On floating Nature-forms, the primal vast—
I come, and go, and come. When Righteousness
Declines, O Bharata! When Wickedness
Is strong, I rise, from age to age, and take
Visible shape, and move a man with men,
Succouring the good, thrusting the evil back,
And setting Virtue on her mast again.
Who knows the truth touching my births on earth
And my divine work, when he quits the flesh
Put on its load no more, falls no more down
To earthly birth: to Me he comes, dear Prince!

Constituent Assembly:

Govt. To Evolve Plans To Prevent Famines

Food Minister Says Provinces And States Will Co-operate In Discussing Practical Steps

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (API): The Constituent Assembly (Legislative) today considered non-Official resolutions. Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar moved a resolution seeking the establishment of a permanent Famine Commission at the Centre charged with the duty of affording relief during actual distress and developing the areas industrially, economically and agriculturally so as to avoid famine conditions.

India, Mr. Ayyangar said, had experienced a number of severe famines resulting in the death of millions of people. During the British regime alone these had been nearly fifteen major famines and a study of these famines would reveal that every part of the country had been affected by them at one time or the other.

NEED FOR PREVENTIVE STEPS

Agriculture in India depended largely on the monsoon and they failed occasionally. It was due only to foreign imports that India had escaped large scale deaths from famine. Even when the rains did not fail, India produced food enough to feed only 70 per cent of its people. The need, therefore, for the prevention of famines and increasing food produce was great. The Central Government had hitherto merely helped the Provincial Governments giving relief to famine-stricken areas and had not taken any steps for the prevention of famines.

A permanent Commission, therefore, must be set up for the primary purpose of developing the areas agriculturally and thus minimising the chances of a famine. The Commission must devise ways and means of tapping all the water sources and making them available to the agriculturist.

Mr. Ayyangar suggested that the Government should build up a Grain Bank with a reserve stock of two or three million tons.

Qazi Karimuddin supported the resolution and said that in the past steps could not be taken to prevent famines because there was no body to deal with the problem on an All-India basis.

GIVE IT TOP PRIORITY

Seth Govind Das said that the development of the country's agriculture should be given top priority, as plans for economic and industrial development could not be put through if majority of India's people were in constant fear of famine. The Commission should not only take up the question of reclaiming waste lands but also improving productive capacity of lands already under cultivation. This Commission should act as a link between the Centre and the Provinces.

Mr. Biswanath Dass, supporting the resolution urged that the Central Government should supplement the resources of the Provincial Governments to a far greater degree than at present. The present famine insurance scheme was not by itself adequate to meet the situation.

CENTRALISED FOOD COMMISSION

Mr. Mahboob Ali Khan suggested that there should be a Centralised Food Commission instead of a Famine Commission. Efforts to produce more food should be speeded up.

Mr. Ramalingam Chettiar said that the best insurance against famine was to provide at all times subsidiary occupation for the people. He said that by the mere failure of the first monsoon there would not be famine but a second failure would lead to famine. Irrigation must be improved and long term schemes for the purpose should be taken on hand immediately.

MINISTER'S REPLY

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture said that though he was in complete agreement with the views expressed by members during the debate, he could not see his way to accepting the resolution in its present form. The resolution meant that the Central Government should assume complete responsibility for dealing with the question of famines and its acceptance would result for all practical purposes in the replacement of the Central as well as Provincial Ministries of Agriculture by the Development Board. He was doubtful of the wisdom of this step and was in favour of evolving a middle course.

The Food Minister announced that he proposed setting up at the Centre, with the co-operation of the Provinces, some kind of a machinery which would be capable of putting into practical shape the suggestions made for the development of agriculture and prevention of famines in the country.

He intended to have a general discussion on the schemes of development with the members who had taken part in the debate, the Standing Committee of the Ministry and representatives of the Provincial Governments and thus evolve a course of action to deal with the situation.

While he admitted that the Centre had to play a more active part in preventing famine in the country, he did not agree with the suggestion that the Provincial Governments should not operate at all. The Provinces had had powers to prevent famine and in the past they had always risen to the occasion.

The members representing the States had also expressed a desire for the help of the Central Government in solving their food problems. This, he said, was a happy sign as it would establish closer bonds between the States and the Centre. He would be willing to work in conjunction with the States in dealing with the question, he remarked.

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar then withdrew his resolution.

Defence Savings Certificates In Looted Property

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (API): Several cash certificates and a defence savings certificate standing in the name of Suraj Prakash, Swatantar Prakash, Snehlata (all members of the family of Dr. Gian Chand) and in the name of Kamla, daughter of Mr. Ram Chand, purchased from Rawalpindi, Multan city and Dinga post offices, have been recovered from looted property in the West Punjab, says a Press Note. Claimants are advised to apply to the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Simla, with proofs of their claims.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (Reuter): Mr. Averell Harriman, United States Secretary of Commerce, said in a speech here last night the amount of money asked for foreign aid under the Marshall Plan was "reasonable and realistic and it would be poor economy to make less available".

Ceylon Becomes Independent

SIR HENRY MOORE SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR GENERAL

COLOMBO, FEB. 4 (REUTER): CEYLON'S POLITICAL FREEDOM ATTAINED TODAY "AFTER SEVERAL CENTURIES OF DOMINATION", WAS DESCRIBED AS SECOND ONLY IN IMPORTANCE TO THE MESSAGE OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM DELIVERED BY BUDDHA 2,500 YEARS AGO, IN A BROADCAST BY MR. D. S. SENANAYAKE, PREMIER OF THE NEW DOMINION, TODAY.

In his message he expressed gratitude for the goodwill and co-operation of Britain which culminated in Ceylon's freedom and said he trusted the seed of voluntary renunciation which they had sown would grow into a stately tree by mutual and perpetual friendship.

Ceylon, with its great traditions of peace and goodwill preached by the Lord Buddha, would always advance the cause of freedom and peace, he said.

He added: "May this era of freedom be one of great prosperity for Lanka and happiness for its people."

"CEYLON MAKES HISTORY"

Ceylon's freedom would have been won in vain "if we cannot use it to give fuller and freer life to the common man, despite difficulties in racial prejudice, caste and creed", Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, the new dominion's first Governor-General declared here today.

"That will call for the best energies of all men of goodwill if it is to be achieved peacefully and without disturbances", he added.

Sir Henry was broadcasting a special message on Colombo radio to mark the beginning of Ceylon's independence as a self-governing dominion within the British Commonwealth. He was formerly the island's Governor.

"Ceylon has today made history, not only in being the first colonial territory to take her place in full nationhood among her sister members of the British Commonwealth, but also in having attained that status by constitutional methods in an atmosphere of the greatest cordiality and goodwill", he said.

Sir Henry said he hoped the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and representatives of Dominion and foreign powers during the celebrations would not only add lustre to the celebrations but also encourage the government in the discharge of the heavy responsibilities they now assumed.

Governor General Sworn In

Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore today took the oath of office as the first Governor-General of Ceylon. This was the first act marking Ceylon's attainment of self-Governing Dominion status within the British Commonwealth.

The new Governor-General was sworn in at a simple ceremony. At the Queen's House Sir John Howard, the Chief Justice, administered the oath in the presence of the Cabinet Ministers led by Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the first Prime Minister of the Dominion.

The inauguration was announced by a salute of 19 guns and the blowing of ships' sirens.

Temple bells, pipes, drums and conches followed suit, keeping up a 10-minute peal all over the island.

Islanders, who had woken at dawn to the pealing of bells and beating of Kandyan drums—which in the days of the Kandyan kings played a prominent part in every festivity and war march—raised deafening shouts of "victeory to Lanka".

Today, which is a bank and public holiday, was being observed mainly as a day of prayer.

While the Buddhist ministers, including the Premier, offer flowers at Viharas (Buddha temples), the Hindu Ministers will perform special ceremonies at their temples, and the Moslem Minister, Mr. T. B. Jayah, will offer prayers at a mosque.

At a number of places the old lion-flag of Ceylon was being hoisted.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S MESSAGE TO CEYLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (U.P.A.). President Truman today sent a message to Governor-General Sir Henry Moore, felicitating the people of Ceylon on the occasion of their attaining Dominion Status in the British Commonwealth on Wednesday.

The President expressed the confidence that "they will join other democratic nations and peoples in increasing individual liberty and freedom throughout the world".

The message said: "On this memorable occasion I extend on behalf of the people of the United States of America sincere wishes to you, to Prime Minister Senanayake and to the people of Ceylon. The peaceful and orderly progress of constitution development in Ceylon has now culminated in the attainment of a fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations. The people of Ceylon today assume the added responsibility for their own destiny. We are confident that they will join with other democratic nations and peoples in the high endeavour of increasing individual liberty and freedom throughout the world. Please accept my assurance that Ceylon embarks on its new course with firm friendship and goodwill of the United States of America whose Government and people look forward to the maintenance of close and cordial relations with your country".

CANADA'S GREETINGS

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 (Reuter): The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Mackenzie King, today sent a message of greetings to the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of Ceylon, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, on the occasion of the coming into effect of the Ceylon Independence Act on February 4, 1948.

The Canadian Premier said: "The attainment by Ceylon of fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations is an event of happy and historic significance. The Canadian Government and people join in wishing the Government and people of Ceylon success and prosperity in the years of self-government which lie ahead."

CHINA'S GREETINGS

NANKING Feb. 4 (Reuter): On the occasion of the independence of Ceylon today, President Chiang Kai-Shek and Premier Chang Chun sent messages of congratulations to Sir Henry Moore, Governor-General of Ceylon and Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Premier respectively.

President Chiang's message, extended on behalf of the Chinese people, said, "My warmest greetings and best wishes for your personal well-being and the future prosperity of Ceylon."

Premier Chang Chun said in part, "we rejoice with the people of Ceylon and are sure she will play an important part in the maintenance of world peace."

PATNA TO ERECT MEMORIAL TO MAHATMA

PATNA February 3. (A.P.I.): To perpetuate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, the local Posts and Telegraphs workers, at a mass meeting, here, resolved to erect a memorial building in the vicinity of the Patna General Post Office, with a marble statue of Mahatma Gandhi in front.

The Vice-President of the Union of Posts and Telegraphs Workers, Bihar and Orissa, commended the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and exhorted the audience to follow in his footsteps.

MOURNING TILL FEBRUARY 12

PATNA, February 3. (A.P.I.): President of the Bihar C. C. announces that the mass prayers, which are being held every day in Bankipur maidan, will be continued every afternoon till February 12, when a state procession will be taken out.

Ban On Mahasabha Meetings In Cawnpore

Mobs Stone R.S.S. Men's House In Palamcottah

CAWNPORE, February 4. (U.P.I.): Fifty volunteers of the R. S. S. including two Municipal Commissioners who were arrested in connection with the general round-up of the R. S. S. men were released from jail yesterday evening.

The District Magistrate, under Section 144 Cr. P. C., prohibited all R. S. S. and Mahasabha meetings, private or public, for a period of two months in the municipal limits.

The District Magistrate further banned all public entertainments including cinema shows for a period of twelve days.

The Cawnpore Municipal Board has decided to erect a memorial for Gandhiji from the municipal funds.

The Board has further decided to spend Rs. 5,000 for feeding the poor on February 12—the day on which Gandhiji's ashes will be immersed in the Ganges-Jumna confluence at Allahabad.

SHOPS AND HOUSES SET ON FIRE

TIRUVANNAMALAI, February 4. (U.P.I.): Rioting started here on February 1 when a number of houses and shops were set on fire by mobs.

A number of persons were injured in stray attacks and one death is reported.

Crowds indulged in looting and the loss of property is estimated at four lakhs of rupees

MOB RAIDS MAHASABHAITE'S RESIDENCE

TANJORE, February 4. (U.P.I.): The residence of Mr. Srinivasachari, President of the local Hindu Mahasabha, was raided by a mob yesterday and some furniture was broken and thrown on the street.

The house of the Secretary of the local Hindu Mahasabha was also attacked.

The police rushed to the spot, dispersed the crowd and restored order.

PALAMCOTTAH, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): A mob of about one thousand persons threw stones and mud at the house of a former official receiver yesterday and demanded three persons belonging to the R. S. S. who were in that house to be surrendered to them.

The police arrived on the spot, dispersed the crowd and took the above three persons under custody. Further investigation is proceeding.

Now dead he's like the stars, by day
Withdrawn from the mortal eye,
But not extinct, he holds his way
In glory through the sky of posterity.
—after Jas Montgomery.

INDIA GOVT. DECLARES R.S.S. UNLAWFUL

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on them to deal with the Sangh in its corporate capacity.

GIVEN LONG ROPE

The last occasion when Government defined this attitude was when the Premiers and Home Ministers of Provinces met in Delhi in conference towards the end of November. It was then unanimously agreed that the stage when the Sangh should be dealt with as an association had not yet arrived and that individuals should continue to be dealt with sternly as hitherto. The objectionable and harmful activities of the Sangh have, however, continued unabated and the cult of violence sponsored and inspired by the activities of the Sangh has claimed many victims. The latest and the most precious to fall was Gandhiji himself.

In these circumstances, it is the bounden duty of Government to take effective measures to curb this reappearance of violence in a virulent form and as a first step to this end, they have decided to declare the Sangh as an unlawful association. Government have no doubt that in taking this measure they have the support of all law-abiding citizens and of all those who have the welfare of the country at heart.

70 ARRESTED IN DELHI

About 70 persons connected with the R.S.S and the Hindu Mahasabha were arrested today by the Delhi Police under the Punjab Safety Act. Among those arrested are Lala Hari Chand, Provincial RSS Chief, Mr. V. B. Joshi, Mr. Prakash Dutt Bhargawa, Advocate, Mr. Raj Narain Goyal and Mr. S. C. Sharma, Principal of the Birla Secondary School. Some more arrests are expected.

COPIES OF R.S.S. DAILIES BURNT

Over 2,000 copies of two local dailies with RSS leanings were seized this morning when they were on sale, and burnt by a small group of persons.

HOLD UP ATTEMPT ON DELHI MAGISTRATE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (API): Three armed youths broke into the house of the Resident Magistrate of Delhi, Mr. Kishen Chand, last night and demanded the surrender of valuables at the point of the gun. On Mr. Kishen Chand refusing to oblige, they drew their revolvers and threatened to shoot. The Resident Magistrate shouted for help, whereupon the intruders took fright and made a hurried gateaway.

SIX INJURED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (UPI): Six students and two girls received injuries and acid burns as a result of acid and brickbats throwing from the office of the organiser of a weekly newspaper supporting the Hindu Mahasabha and R.S.S. policy on a students' procession which was passing on the Faiz Bazar Road to attend prayers at Raj Ghat where Gandhiji's body was cremated. The students in return threw brickbats on the office breaking some of the glass panes, windows and doors. The processionists were shouting slogans "Firka Prasti to Khatam karo".

Later the police fired a few shots to disperse the crowd. The police also searched the office of the paper and are alleged to have recovered 38 pounds of sulphuric acid.

FOUR MEMBERS OF R.S.S. ARRESTED

BAREILLY, Feb. 4 (API): The police of Bareilly—one of the chief centres of the RSS in Northern India—have arrested four prominent members of the RSS, including Madan Gopan Kapoor, a prominent member of the RSS and the Hindu Mahasabha.

The police have also seized some posters believed to have been issued by the RSS.

A large number of members of the RSS are reported to have resigned from the organisation.

ARREST OF R. S. S. WORKERS

BOMBAY, Wednesday: It is learnt that some of the active workers of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh have been arrested in the districts as it was found that they were acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

RESIGNATIONS FROM R. S. S.

BOMBAY, Wednesday: R. S. S. Associations in Bombay District have been dissolved from today. Their leaders Gordhandas Dayal, Narayan Tambeker, Padamsy Damji Khona, Premchand Velji, Sawant Vakil, Dr. Parelkar, Mr. Medhekar, Poonsy Damji, Dr. Patanker, and others have given resignations of their various office-bearerships.

A. P. I. adds:—

Gordhandas V. Dayal, the 'Sangha Chalak' (chief) of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh, Bombay District, and Mr. N. H. Helekar, the 'Karyavahak', announce that "in view of the patriotic call of the Nehru Government for solidarity, we and other office-bearers have tendered resignations from the R. S. S.".

They added: "All activities of the R. S. S. in Bombay and suburbs have already been suspended".

MR. BELVI'S RESIGNATION

BELGAUM, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): Mr. D. V. Belvi, a member of the Bombay Legislative Council, announced his resignation from the chairmanship of the Belgaum Branch of the Hindu Mahasabha. He has severed all his connections with the Hindu Mahasabha as, he says: "The name of the Hindu Mahasabha has been associated with the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi".

Reports of looting and arson from a number of villages in Belgaum District have been received here.

150 ARRESTS IN SANGLI

SANGLI, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): The curfew in Sangli was relaxed for three hours last evening after being in force for 48 hours continuously.

The curfew will continue to be in force every day and night till Sunday, February 8, with a relaxation for three hours (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) every day.

The atmosphere in the town is now peaceful. The police have arrested about 150 persons for violating curfew.

Troops numbering 150 have arrived here and are helping the police in maintaining law and order.

The troops are also moving from place to place in the Deccan States region, namely, Kurundwad (Sr.) Miraj (Jr.) Miraj (Sr.) from where disturbances have been reported.

POONA QUIET

POONA, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): Poona was quiet again today and the authorities have decided to relax the curfew period for one hour more. The hours of curfew tomorrow will be from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Friday.

SEARCHES IN CANJEEVARAM

CANJEEVARAM, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): The Police searched the house of Mr. Srinivasan, Secretary of the local Rashtriya Sevak Sangh and recovered 12 physical exercise apparatus from a well, some lathis, photographs and a knife. The office of the Sangh was also searched.

Mr. Srinivasan has already announced his severance of his connections with the R. S. S.

Crowds of people have been demonstrating before his house for the last three days.

R. S. S. OFFICE RAIDED

ANANTPUR, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): The office of the local R. S. S. was raided by the local police and ten dummy swords were recovered from the premises.

At Muslipatam the R. S. S. office has been locked up and is under police guard.

DETAINED PERSONS RELEASED

BARODA, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): The city has been quiet following the imposition of night curfew from February 2. A few persons who were detained by the police after Monday's incidents were released today.

BOMBAY QUIET

BOMBAY, Feb. 4. "It was all quiet on Wednesday", says a Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, tonight.

CURFEW IN CITY AREA LIFTED

The curfew imposed on the areas and places in Bombay, mentioned below has been cancelled from today ie February 4:—

The whole of Nigaum Cross Road, Dadar Main Road, from its junction with Vincent Road, Naigaum Road, Govindji Keni Road, Elphinstone Road from Elphinstone Bridge to the junction of Parel Poibavdi; and Jerbai Wadia Road from its junction with Poibavdi to its junction with Hospital Avenue.

GORAKHPUR R. S. S. ORGANISER ARRESTED

GORAKHPUR, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.): Nana Deshmukh, Divisional Organiser of the R. S. S. was arrested today under the Public Safety Ordinance. A member of the R. S. S. was attacked and injured with lathis at Ansgaon Tahsil Headquarters.

KALNA HINDU SABHA DISSOLVED

KALNA (Burdwan), Feb. 3. (A.P.I.): The Kalna Sub-Divisional Hindu Mahasabha Committee and other prominent local members of the Mahasabha at a meeting decided to dissolve the local organisation after condemning the artocious assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and expressing their deep sense of sorrow and irreparable loss at the death of the Father of the Nation.

The decision was taken in view of the fact that the name of the Hindu Mahasabha has been associated with the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

A. N. SINHA QUITS SABHA SESSION R. C. CHAIRMANSHIP

MONGHYR, Feb. 4, (A.P.I.): Mr. Anugraha Narain Sinha, General Secretary of the Reception Committee of the forthcoming 28th Session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha scheduled to be held in the last week of March next in Monghyr, has resigned. In a statement he said: "I find myself unable to continue my association with an organisation an office-bearer of which could commit such a destardly crime as killing a man like Mahatma Gandhi".

Prove Worthy Followers Of Mahatma

Krishnamachary Urges Indians To Stand Behind Govt.

JAIPUR, February 2 (API).—Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Prime Minister of Jaipur addressing a largely attended condolence meeting to mourn the death of Mahatma Gandhi declared that Mahatma Gandhi was the father of Indian independence and Indians owed their independence to him and him alone.

Sir V. T. Krishnamachari said: "The fast he undertook just before his death was undertaken for the suffering humanity in India and Pakistan. This attempt of his to remove suffering has endeared him to every one of us and raised him in the eyes of the world. His death will be stain on India's face for centuries. He has left a great duty to preserve the Independence of our country he won for us. Let us unitedly support our Government. Our leaders are those who are imbibed the ideals that Gandhiji preached hence it is our duty to support this Government. He called upon the people not to wither away their energy in petty rivalries but prove worthy of being called Mahatma Gandhi's countrymen.

Sir Raghunath Paranjpye, former High Commissioner for India and Australia said: "Our political economic, social and spiritual life during the last 25 years was dominated by Mahatma Gandhi who was symbolic of peace which was embodied in his person."

MOURNING IN PARIS

PARIS, February 3 (Reuter).—Sir Raghavan Pillai's first official act as Indian Charge d'Affaires in Paris was to address a gathering of the "Friends of India" Association at a ceremony of mourning for Mahatma Gandhi here today.

The crowded hall in which he spoke had decorated with Indian flags with a black mourning band, and photographs of Mahatma Gandhi.

Sir Raghavan Pillai said Indians felt "inexpressible grief" at the death of Mahatma Gandhi, "apostle of non-violence and architect of India's freedom."

"The edifice of India's dream of freedom has yet to be built," he declared, "but the great grief which India feels at Gandhi's death may open the door to the realisation of the ideals for which he lost his life."

KASHMIR'S HOMAGE TO MAHATMA

ANANTNAG (Kashmir), February 2 (API).—The people of Anantnag at a condolence meeting to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi passed a resolution pledging stedfastly to follow Mahatma Gandhi's mission of peace and unity. "We hope", the resolution added, "that his crucifixion will build a lasting peace and unity throughout India, Pakistan and the States."

HARTAL IN LAHORE

LAHORE, February 3 (API).—Reports of condolence meetings and hartals in memory of Mahatma Gandhi continue to pour in from all over West Punjab. Many Muslim men and women individually offered "nafals" (special prayers) for the peace of Mahatma Gandhi's soul.

MYSORE TO OBSERVE FAST ON FEB. 12.

BANGALORE, Feb. 4 (API).—The Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress in a resolution recorded its sense of irreparable loss at the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi, father of the nation, in whose death the people of Mysore had lost an unfailing guide, India an invaluable leader and the architect of her freedom, and the world a messenger of peace and brotherhood.

The Committee directed the people of Mysore to observe the terms of mourning suitably and on February 12, at the time when the ashes are to be placed in the Sangham, to hold meetings and processions offering prayers and homage, the day being observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

'CHAMPION OF HARIJANS'

LUCKNOW, Feb. 3 (API).—Acharya Narendra Deva, Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University, addressing a meeting of students today in the University to mourn the death of Mahatma Gandhi said:

"The bullet that penetrated the chest of Mahatma Gandhi did not harm the Mahatma alone, but pierced the heart of the whole nation. It is not an act of a solitary madman but, behind it is the deep laid plot to tage India's freedom. After the achievement of independence a democratic state has been established in this country, and we have to think how democracy can be protected against reactionary elements.

Acharya Narendra Deva said Mahatma Gandhi had given India an honourable place among the nations of the world. He even staked his life to keep Harijans as part of Hindu Society against the award of British Government. Those who preached communal hatred in the name of religion, were no where on the political scene at that time. Those elements wished to capture political power not by democratic means but by practical murders.

Public Holiday On Feb. 12 In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 4. (U.P.I.): It is learnt that the Madras Government will declare February 12 the day on which Gandhiji's ashes will be immersed in the Tribeni Sangham—a public holiday in the province.

R.S.S. BOSS CONDEMNS MAHATMA'S ASSASSINATION

NAGPUR, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): Mr. Golwalkar Sar Sangh Chalik of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh has issued a statement condemning the 'brutal assassination" of Mahatma Gandhi and describing it as a "tragedy of unparallel magnitude."

He, however, expresses the hope that in the presence of this appaling tragedy "people will learn the lesson and practise the doctrine of love and service".

Citizenship Rights For Indians In Ceylon

Agreement On Broad Principles Reached, Says Jawahar

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in reply to a question by Mr. R. K. Sidhwa in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) today said that as a result of the discussions between him and the Prime Minister of Ceylon, an agreement on broad principles governing qualifications for citizenship had been reached subject to further examination by the two Governments. As the terms of the agreement had not yet been finalised, it would not be in the public interest to disclose them now.

The total number of Indian estate labourers in Ceylon at the end of 1946 was 4,67,011. No later statistics were available.

QUESTION OF HOUSING INDIAN LABKOUR

Question: Have government drawn the attention of the Prime Minister of Ceylon to the most unhealthy and insanitary and ill-ventilated houses provided by tea and rubber planters of Ceylon for the Indian labour class?

Pandit Nehru: The question of the housing of estate labour was not raised during the discussions, which were confined mainly to the question of citizenship of Indians now in Ceylon. The housing of estate labour is in fact, not as bad as is suggested by the honourable member and the question of its further improvement is already engaging the attention of the Ceylon Government and the Agent of the Government of India in Ceylon.

Mr. Sidhwa said that he had visited Ceylon and he found that the housing conditions of Indian labourers in Ceylon were worse than in India.

Pandit Nehru: "Last time I went to Ceylon was many years ago. I did go to many of these houses and I did protest against conditions there. We had long talks with the Ceylon Government too. There is a continuous attempt being made there to improve labour conditions, etc. The House should remember that we are now in a peculiar phase of transition. The main question before us is whether Indian labour in Ceylon is Indian National or not. If it is not Indian National, if it is Ceylon National, then we have no further say in the matter. If it is Indian National, it is an alien in Ceylon and we expect the best conditions that an alien can have. That is the fundamental question before us.

"The question of housing and other conditions does not arise in this context. The first thing to determine is whether these Indian labourers in Ceylon are Ceylonese by nationality or Indian. The demand made on behalf of Indians in Ceylon is that the doors should be thrown wide open to them to become Ceylon nationals. The question is not decided yet. On their behalf on our side it is said that every Indian there who has been a resident for a particular period and who wants to become a Ceylon national should become a Ceylon national. We want the door open and once they pass that door, they cease to be our nationals and we can say nothing about them after that except for humanitarian reasons".

NATIONALITY FIRST

Clarifying the point further, the Prime Minister said: "Owing to rapid changes in political conditions and the status of India, Ceylon, Burma and other countries, this question of nationality has become very confused. Previously, we were all, technically speaking, British subjects and so the question of nationality was not defined. The only question that arose previously was that of citizenship rights and not of nationality.

"We are still thinking in terms of citizenship rights and that introduces a certain element of confusion. Citizenship rights will naturally follow nationality. We are not thinking about citizenship rights as such but of nationality.

"In Burma the position is fairly clear because Burma is an Independent Republic, but what follows from it has not been made clear as to which Indian is going to be a Burmese national and which an Indian national. That matter will probably be settled in the next two or three months. It is a complicated matter as millions of people have to choose.

INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE

Ultimately, an Indian in Burma or in Ceylon will himself choose whether he wants to be this or that. Of course even if he chooses he may not be allowed to become a Ceylon national, for instance, because he does not fulfil certain conditions. That is a different matter but the question will be settled by the choice of the individual concerned subject to certain conditions being fulfilled".

ATTACK ON PARACHINAR REFUGEE CAMP

Mr. K. C. Neogy, Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation, said in reply to Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta that the only information so far available about the attack on the Parachinar refugee camp had been supplied by local representatives of the Pakistan Government to our representative at Peshawar. According to the information supplied by them it appeared that 150 non-Muslims living in the Parachinar camp were killed, 81 wounded and 50 abducted. Inquiries made of people who had been evacuated to the territories of the Indian Union, however, indicated that 138 non-Muslims were killed, 223 abducted and 150 injured more or less severely.

REPRESENTATION TO PAKISTAN GOVT

The strongest representations had been made to the Pakistan Government indicating the views of the Government of India on the attitude of the Pakistan authorities on the question of protection and evacuation of the refugees at Parachinar and the necessity of immediate evacuation of other non-Muslims from the N.W.F.P. and the tribal areas. The Government of India had also emphasised the responsibility of the Pakistan Government for the immediate recovery of the abducted persons. An interim reply has been received.

EAST PUNJAB BAN ON MOVEMENT OF TEA

The Commerce Minister, Mr. C. H. Bhabha, said in reply to Mr. Khurshed Lal that the Government of India had not placed any ban on the export of tea from India to Pakistan. It was, however, understood that the East Punjab Government had imposed certain restrictions on the movement of this commodity across the border. The Government of India were fully alive to the need for preserving the market for Indian green tea in Afghanistan and they were accordingly taking up the matter with the East Punjab authorities.

Mr. K. Santhanam: Is the standstill agreement with Pakistan standing still? (laughter).

SEARCH FOR OIL

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, said in reply to Mr. Deshbhandhu Gupta that negotiations were being carried on by the Government with the oil companies for obtaining adequate supplies of petroleum, kerosene, diesel oil and other petroleum products for India. The India Supply Mission in Washington had been advised to obtain export quotas in respect of certain quantities of petroleum products. Government were also trying to explore the possibility of obtaining supplies from other sources.

Besides the known oil-bearing areas which were already being explored, no new sources which could be tapped economically had yet been discussed. Possibilities of striking new fields, however, always existed.

The Geological Survey of India was drawing up an intensive programme of geological and geophysical exploration for oil. Government also proposed to encourage private prospecting for oil in India.

In reply to a supplementary, Mr. Gadgil said that the Trade Commissioner for the Soviet Union at Calcutta was approached on the question of obtaining supplies from his country but so far no reply had been received.

Mr. Govind Das: Is it not high time that our Trade Commissioner should be appointed in Moscow so that we can keep in direct contact with the U.S.S.R. Government?

Mr. Gadgil: It is high time (laughter).

TRANSFER OF IMPORT LICENSES

Mr. Bhabha said in reply to Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta that it was possible that some importers might have obtained import licences on the production of false declarations and false evidence. Where it had come to the notice of the Government that an importer had obtained licences under false pretexts, action had been taken to debar such parties from getting any further import licences. Unauthorised transfers of licences, when they came to the Government's notice, were also dealt with severely either by confiscation of the goods or the levy of a penalty or by blacklisting both the transferer and the transferee.

Mr. Gupta read out advertisements from a Bombay paper offering to get licences from authorities in Delhi and asked what action had been taken in regard to such transfers of licences. Mr. Bhabha said that quite a large number of such cases had been severely dealt with. The new import licensing forms sought more information than previous forms did, with the result that the Government would be in a position to judge whether a particular applicant had been dealing in a particular commodity.

RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED WOMEN

The Prime Minister said in reply to Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafar that the recovery of abducted women in the dominions of India and Pakistan was proceeding, but the process had unfortunately been rather slow. Every effort was being made by Government to expedite it. Certain political and other developments had, however, come in the way and had hampered the effectiveness of the present operations. The Government of India were in continuous communication with the Governments of Pakistan in order to expedite the recovery. It was obvious that speedy and effective recovery depended on the close co-operation of the two Dominion Governments.

Both these Governments had repeatedly expressed their wish that everything should be done for this recovery of abducted women. In practice, however, obstructions were met with which delayed matters. He should not like to say much more on this subject at present, except that the Government attached the greatest importance to this recovery of abducted women and would do their utmost to speed it. In this work they had had the co-operation of non-official agencies and well-known women workers who had been of very great help and Government were grateful to them for it.

There were discrepancies between the numbers of women which the Governments of one Dominion claimed to have recovered and handed over to the representatives of the other Dominion, and the numbers which the latter Dominion admitted having received. A committee had now been established to reconcile the figures. Exact information about the number of women recovered was, therefore, not available at present.

Ayyangar Presents Terms Acceptable To India

Resumed Discussion Of Kashmir Issue At Security Council

LAKE SUCCESS, FEB. 3 (REUTER): THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMED DISCUSSION ON THE KASHMIR ISSUE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN TODAY, THE FIRST MEETING SINCE FRIDAY, THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF MAHATMA GANDHI.

General A. C. L. McNaughton, Canada, who today took over the chairmanship of the Council from M. Fernand Van Langenhove, Belgium, opened the proceedings with this tribute to Mahatma Gandhi:

"I hope we may be inspired by the spirit of that great man who dedicated his whole life to the cause of peace and freedom".

RECAPITULATION

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, India, continuing his statement on the two resolutions, one dealing with the suggested plebiscite in Kashmir and the other on the cessation of hostilities, submitted by the outgoing President last Thursday, said tonight.

"As there has been a substantial interval between my first speech and today, perhaps it would help members of the Council if I briefly recapitulate the points which I tried to make in my first speech."

The first resolution put forward by M. Van Langenhove on Thursday said that the plebiscite to decide whether Kashmir and Jammu should accede to Pakistan or India must be organised, held and supervised under United Nation's authority.

The second resolution said that the United Nations' Kashmir Commission's duties should include those which "tend to promote the cessation of acts of hostility and Violence..... and in pursuit of this the Commission shall use every diligence to ensure that its mediatory action be exercised without delay."

PEACE MUST BE REGAINED

Mr. Ayyangar said tonight, "I pointed out that the first business of the Security Council with the Kashmir situation was to take concrete steps immediately to bring about a stoppage of bloodshed and fighting now going on inside the State. For this purpose I drew attention to what I considered the obligations of Pakistan as an international personality."

Mr. Ayyangar said that India had suggested proposals which were calculated to achieve the end which was insisted on in the case of Greece by countries which did not vote with the majority.

Mr. Ayyangar said: "When we are confronted with a situation such as has been brought before the Council by India, we ask the Security Council to do something which will immediately stop the fighting and eliminate the threat to international peace and security. India is not trying to avoid the measures that may be necessary once the fighting has been stopped."

Mr. Ayyangar alleged that the tribesmen were going through Pakistan territory to take part in the fighting in Kashmir, declaring: "I will challenge any members of the Security Council to go to the scene and observe for himself that this is exactly what is happening."

Ayyangar pleaded with the Council that "if measures short of war have not been able to halt the incursion of these people into Kashmir, then I say that Pakistan should take every step to put down this violence and carry out its international obligations."

ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Ayyangar referred to two resolutions submitted by former Security Council President, M. Langenhove, at a previous meeting of the Council which he said he had already described as "inocuous."

Instead he asked the Council to accept resolutions on following lines which were the least India could accept."

These resolutions could be submitted in the form of amendments by any member of the Council who wishes to do so.

They read, "The Security Council, considering its resolutions of 17th and 20th January, 1948, and considering the urgency of achieving cessation of fighting and other acts of hostility, accepts the following resolution.

FIRSTLY, the Security Council recommends to the Government of Pakistan that they should use all their efforts to persuade tribesmen and others now in Kashmir and Jammu who have invaded Kashmir to withdraw from their territory, to prevent passing through Pakistan territory of such invaders of Jammu and Kashmir State, to deny use of such territory for operations against the State and also to refuse all other material aid direct or indirect to such invaders.

Secondly, the Security Council further recommends, that the Commission of the Council shall, among its duties, regard as particularly urgent the promotion of measures intended as expeditiously as possible for the cessation of fighting and other acts of hostilities and in pursuit of this matter the Commission shall ensure that its functions are exercised in detail.

Mr. Ayyangar said if Pakistan should take such a course it might not guarantee an end to invasions but it would carry "tremendous weight".

"Our case is that unless this help comes from Pakistan, fighting in Kashmir will not stop."

Mr. Ayyangar had nothing more to say on the second resolution which dealt with the functions of the proposed commission.

Concerning the plebiscite, he said after fighting has stopped a commission should be established, to establish a system of self-government and secondly, to decide finally on the accession. He added "this is a field in which the Security Council has no jurisdiction. The matter is entirely for the jurisdiction of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and its peoples.

Mr. Ayyangar submitted a further resolution to the Council on the question of the plebiscite in which he proposed that, "the Security Council recommends that the plebiscite be taken under the advice and subject to the observations of the Commission appointed by Security Council"

The word "recommends" removes an objection which the sensitive people of the state of Kashmir—sensitive to the ideal of sovereignty—might take to being directed or being ordered about by the Security Council."

ZAFRULLAH'S CLAIM.

Sir Zafrullah Khan, for Pakistan, recited to the Council reports of 'alleged atrocities by Indian raiders against Muslims" and in support of his claims read a telegram from the Prime Minister of Pakistan to the Indian Premier of November 3, 1947, in which it was claimed that no action had been taken by the Indian Government in connection with "atrocities by Indians against Muslims in Jammu and Poonch."

The telegram alleged that thousands of Muslims had been subjected to murder, loot and arson and had been pouring into Pakistan because of an attempt to liquidate the entire population of the state.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah said: "Mr. Ayyangar agreed that the duty of the Security Council is to stop the fighting. No quarrel about that. It is the duty of all the parties concerned to stop violence.

"The problem before the Security Council is what is the quickest method of stopping the violence and disorder. Also, what is the most desirable and equitable method. That result having been achieved, what else is there to do?

Mr. Ayyangar says Pakistan should go to war to stop the tribesmen, That is strange advice to give when the object of India is to stop the fighting.

"According to him not only should the war in Kashmir continue but Pakistan should start a new war in the border areas."

Sir Zafrullah argued that the promise to the people of Kashmir by the Maharajah that once they had been subdued and their resistances broken responsible Government will be created, will not persuade a single one of them to lay down arms.

"The Maharajah might bring suppression but that would not bring peace. Even assuming that every single tribesmen is stopped from entering Kashmir—will that stop the fighting? The only solution is either for India to crush the whole movement inside Kashmir or for the free Kashmir movement to be victorious. Is it the function of the Security Council to bring about a stoppage of fighting by these means-to hold the ring while the contestants fight it out to a finish?"

Dealing with the Pakistan resolution presented last week, Sir Zafrullah said every word in it was based on advice which members of the Security Council had given to the parties.

There was not a word in it which had not already been mentioned in one form or another in the Security Council.

He was just proceeding to deal with the Indian resolutions when the President suggested adjourning because of the lateness of the hour. The Council then adjourned until to-morrow.

FARMERS HOLD 5,000 FRANC NOTES

French Govt.'s Call For Deposits Of Currency

PARIS, February 4 (Reuter): Individual record for deposits of 5,000 franc notes now being called in by the Government, is believed to be held by a farmer from the north of France, who came to Paris to turn in his "fivers" 46,000,000 francs worth. The farmers are estimbated to hold nearly two thirds of the 5,000 franc notes in circulation. At Bordeaux one farmer, asked how many notes he had, replied: 'They weigh two pounds' Another farmer took his notes away again when he saw the receipt issued to him. "I have seen receipts like this before," he said. "I have still got one given me during the occupation in exchange for five motor tyres"

A strike of municipal workers at Marseilles, started this morning because 5,000 franc notes had been included in their end-of-month pay packets, ended this afternoon when the local finance department agreed to advance equivalent valid currency in view of the notes.

SOVIET-RUMANIAN PACT OF FRIENDSHIP

MOSCOW, February 3. (Reuter): Generalissimo Stalin today received a Rumanian delegation headed by M. Petru Groza, the Prime Minister.

Generalissimo Stalin was accompanied by the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov.

The Rumanians who arrived in Moscow yesterday, will sign a pact of friendship, collaboration and mutual assistance with the Soviet.

Hungary's Premier, Lajos Dinnyes will go to Moscow with Eric Molnar, his Foreign Minister, in the second half of this month, it was learned tonight.

Hungary has a treaty of friendship and mutual assistance with Russia, signed in February 1946.

7,000 Tons Of Bengal Coal For N.W. Railway

KARACHI, Feb. 4. (A.P.I.): Seven thousand tons of Bengal coal for the North Western Railway (Pakistan section) arrived by sea in Karachi yesterday.

Emir Feisal's Visit To Britain Postponed

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuter): The visit of Emir Feisal of Saudi Arabia to Britain, originally expected at the beginning of Feoruary, has been postponed, it was officially stated in London tonight.

The Emir is believed to be temporarily indisposed and it is now though, that he may arrive in London at the end of this month.

When British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons in the recent foreign affairs debate that he expected Emir Feisal to arrive early in Feoruary, it was expected that signature of the Anglo-Iraq treaty would be the first step in a series of British conversations with Arab countries in the Middle East.

Since then the resignation of the Iraqi Government and the refusal to ratify the Anglo-Iraqui treaty have been followed by the Cairo announcement that the Assembly and Council of the Arab League will meet next Thursday and Saturday respectively.

It has been rumoured that the League will discuss measures to prevent any of its members from entering into bilateral treaty relations with a foreign power without prior approval of the League.

If the Emir's visit takes place later this month, the delay would have the double advantage of allowing the current Anglo-Transjordan treaty revision talks to be completed before talks with the Saudi-Arabian Foreign Minister began and that any Arab League decisions at this week's meetings would be known.

ANGLO - TRANSJORDAN TREATY

No final decision whether to revise the whole of the 1946 treaty between Britain and the Transjordan appears yet to have been taken.

Today's meeting between the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin and the Transjordan delegation simply examined the draft of the revised military annexe. The draft is to be referred back for expert discussions starting tomorrow.

The Transjordan delegation is expected to meet Mr. Bevin again, probably at the end of this week.

Future Of European Judges In India

Question Raised In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 3. (Reuter): The British Government "have no reason to suppose that the Government of India and Pakistan are dispensing with the services of European judges of the High Courts"

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Air Minister and former Under Secretary for India, gave this reply in the House of Commons to-day to Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, who had asked what arrangements were being made to employ or compensate about 40 English "judges" whose services are no longer required in India and Pakistan.

Mr. Henderson added: The question of providing further employment for them, therefore, does not at present arise, but if and when it does, it will be open to them to make use of the special machinery set up to assist ex-officers of the Secretary of States services to secure further employment.

The Minister of Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker is considering whether the question of compensation to any European judges who may resign in consequence of changed conditions would not be reopened.

Nepal- U.S. Diplomatic Relations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (Reuter): The State Department announced tonight that the United States and the Kingdom of Nepal will shortly enter into formal diplomatic relations and Commanding General Kaiser Shumshere Jung Bahadur Rana, now Nepalese Ambassador to London will assume the concurrent post of Minister in Washington.

The Department pointed out that 'this important development" followed an agreement of commerce and friendship between the United States and Nepal signed in April 1947.

The Department recalled that the agreement was negotiated in Katmandu, capital of Nepal, by a special United States diplomatic mission headed by Mr Joseph C. Satterthwaite.

During the visit of this mission, preliminary announcements were made for an exchange of diplomatic and consular representatives.

The Nepalese Minister, while holding concurrent posts in Washington and London will maintain residence with latter capital but will come to the United States later this month to present his credentials to President Truman. The United States Minister to Nepal has not yet been named.

Calcutta All-India Exhibition

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4 (API).—On account of the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi, the inaugural ceremony of the All-India Exhibition to be held at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, will be held on February 15, and not on February 8, as announced previously, states the Honorary Joint General Secretary of the Exhibition today.

BENARES, Feb. 3. (A.P.I.): Mr. Ramgati Ganguli President of the local Forward Bloc, was arrested today by the Police in connection with a speech which he is reported to have delivered at Unao on January 25, 1948.

Anglo-Jap Trade On Sterling Basis

Britain Concluding Talks With Control Council

LONDON, Feb. 3. (Reuter): Britain is concluding arrangements with the Allied control authorities which will enable her to trade with Japan on a sterling basis, it was officially announced to-night.

Since the end of the war British trade with Japan has had to be carried on in dollar or, more recently and in a very restricted field on a form of compensation trade in sterling.

From the British viewpoint both methods failed and have been the chief factors behind the small volume of post-war Anglo-Japanese trade, according to financial circles in London.

British merchants and bankers who went to Japan last year to re-establish trade connections found that little could be done to restart normal two-way trade until a more satisfactory method of paying for imports could be found. Under the present system British traders pay "world prices" in dollars to the Allied Control Council, which in turn pays Japanese exporters in yen.

For months British businessmen have urged that until a satisfactory yen exchange rate is fixed Anglo-Japanese trade should be carried on in sterling, both to save Britain dollars and so that trade could be arranged direct between exporters and importers without intervention of the Control Council. Traders hope for a large scale boosting of Anglo-Japanese trade when the new arrangements are disclosed.

M. G. WARNS AGAINST PRESERVING JAP THRONE

MANCHESTER Feb. 4. (Reuter): The influential "Manchester Guardian" said to-day that the evidence at various war trials disproved the suggestion that Emperor Hironito of Japan was a "helpless victim of the militarists" and submitted that the real issue was whether the policy of General Douglas MacArthur the Supreme Commander of all the Allied forces in Japan, "will be successful or whether the throne will be used to start a new imperialist revival when the Americans have gone"

The "Manchester Guardian" editorial added "the dangers of preserving the imperial throne are real enough, but they have little or nothing to do with Hirohito's guilt or innocence"

MacArthur's Order On Journalists Overruled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (Reuter): The United States Army Department last night overruled an order by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allies Commander in Japan, which had been criticised on the ground that it restricted freedom of the press.

Under the new ruling press correspondents who leave the United States occupation zones to cover special assignments may return there without being accredited.

SETTLEMENT ON QUESTION OF JAPANESE BONDS

LONDON, Feb 4 (Reuter): The Financial Times' suggested to-day that the attitude of the United States would be the dominating factor in reaching a settlement on the question of Japanese bonds.

"If the settlement reached by the United States with Italy is taken as a guide, it can be assumed that the terms will not be unfavourable to Japan", the "Financial Times" editorial added.

PAKISTAN SOCIALISTS' CONVENTION

Demand Complete Severance From British Commonwealth

KARACHI, Feb. 3 (API): The All-Pakistan Socialist Party Convention which concluded here on Sunday approved on the third day a Socialist constitution for Pakistan which is to be recommended to the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. The main features of the constitution are complete severance from the British Commonwealth, full rights of self-determination for provinces, nationalisation of land and key industries, abolition of Zamindaris and Jagirs adult franchise and joint electorates.

The Socialists Leader Munshi Ahmed Din presided over the convention.

According to the suggested Socialist constitution, there should be full responsible Government in the State acceding to Pakistan with the rulers as constitutional heads only.

The Convention unanimously decided that there should be immediate adult franchise and joint electorates.

The Convention passed resolutions viewing with concern the international situation and urging the formation of an Asiatic block. It supported the struggle of Azad Kashmir forces and condemned the Palestine Partition plan. About 150 delegates from Western Pakistan attended the Convention. No delegate from East Pakistan could attend owing to transport difficulties.

On the first day the Convention had adjourned after half an hour as a protest against the order of the District Magistrate of Karachi ordering that the proceedings of the Convention be heard and reported by three members of the reporting staff of the Karachi police

On the second day the Convention had adjourned in honour of the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.). Over million meals were provided by the Vanchi Poor Fund and its branches, during last year, at a cost of nearly forty thousand rupees. The fund now has to its credit approximately rupees twenty-two lakhs.

Requisition Order Challenged

First Case Under New Odinance

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Coyajee).

Surajkaran Chunilal Vora. .... Petitioner.

vs.

P. V. Rao, Asst. Secretary to Government. .... Respondent.

The petitioner, a member of the East India Cotton Association who was a monthly tenant of a flat at Nepean Sea Road, filed this petition for a writ of certiorari quashing the proceedings whereby the respondent purported to requisition the flat under the new Land Requisition Ordinance passed by the Bombay Government, and for other ancillary reliefs.

The flat in question was formerly occupied by one S. N. Gupte, Assistant Inspector of Explosives, West Circle, Bombay, who vacated it on 21st August 1947 as he was going to Pakistan. On 2nd February 1948, the petitioner received a copy of a letter together with a Requisition Order addressed to the landlady and signed by the respondent purporting to requisition under Section 3 of the Land Requisition Ordinance and the flat alloting it to the same S. N. Gupte who had previously occupied it. The petitioner challenged the Requisition Order as "ultra vires" on the ground that the order in question could not be passed under Section 3 but could not only be passed under Section 4 (4) provided the premises were vacant, that Section 3 of the Ordinance did not empower the Government to requisition flats in a piecemeal manner, and that in any event the order should have been addressed to the petitioner and not to the landlady and was made "mala fide".

His Lordship granted a Rule against the respondent to show cause why the writs of certiorari and prohibition as well as an order under Section 45 of the Specific Relief Act as prayed for should not be granted to the petitioner. His Lordship made the rule returnable for arguement on 16th February and granted an interim injunction restraining the respondent from enforcing the Requisition Order till then.

Mr. M. L. Maneksha instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla appeared for the petitioner.

ALLEGED BLACK-MARKETING IN PETROL

BOMBAY Wednesday.

The Manager of a firm, dealing in perol was arrested for alleged black marketing in peral in Lonavla.

On January 27, the Provincial Rationing Authority on receipt of information of black marketing in petrol by the dealer laid a trap with the assistance of the local police. Marked notes were passed by the Provincial Rationing Authority and the unsuspecting dealer quietly sold two gollons of petrol in a sealed can for Rs. 16/-. Immediately after the incident the police raided the shop and recovered the two marked notes.

The manager was arrested and was later released on bail of two sureties of Rs. 5,000/- each with a personal bail of equal amount.

REFUGEE COLONY IN KANARA

Land, Huts And Amenities For 100 Families

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The extensive waste and forest lands in the Bombay province, if developed and brought under cultivation can be turned into settlement colonies absorbing a large number of refugee families.

10—ACRE LAND

Such a settlement scheme is being introduced at Indoor in Mungod taluka in Kanara district. The land available here measures several hundred acres and is being taken up for ploughing with the aid of heavy tractor-ploughs and cleared for settlement. Each refugee settler will be given a lot of 10 acres free of occupancy price for the first 5 years and then at three times the assessment. The assessment would be levied from the first year.

AMENITIES FOR SETTLERS

The Government is having two wells dug immediately at an approximately cost of Rs. 3,700 for providing settlers with drinking water. Temporary huts will be constructed for them as they arrive, while permanent buildings would be constructed later. The work of building a bridge across a Nala in the vicinity of the settlement has been taken up. The necessary arrangements or road construction and sanitation will be completed in due time. A primary school will also be opened for the use of the settlers' children.

KANARA VILLAGE WINS SYKES SHIELD

The Government of Bombay has awarded the Sir Frederick Sykes Village Improvement Shield for the Southern Division to Kelaginore in the Honavar taluka of Kanara district for its achievement during the year 1946.

CHOLERA IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4 (API): Cholera has broken out in Calcutta in a virulent epidemic form, it was officially announced today.

The disease claimed 64 lives during the week ending January 31, against 51 in the previous week. The number of attacks also increased from 146 to 195 last week. During the corresponding week last year there were 63 attacks and 37 deaths from the disease.

Godse's Accomplice Flown To Bombay

C.I.D. TRYING TO UNRAVEL PLOT

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

MADANLAL, THE BRAWNY YOUTH WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE THE FIRST ATTEMPT ON MAHATMA GANDHI'S LIFE, TEN DAYS BEFORE MAHATMAJI WAS ASSASSINATED WAS FLOWN TO BOMBAY IN A SPECIAL PLANE AND IS KEPT UNDER CLOSE SURVELANCE BY THE BOMBAY C.I.D.

It may be recalled that on Jan. 20th last, Madanlal was alleged to have thrown a bomb at Mahatmaji's prayer meeting at Birla House, New Delhi, which missed Gandhiji by a few yards. He was at once apprehended by an N.C.O. of the Royal Indian Air Force and in his possession was found a dangerous type of military hand-grenade.

In the "Chronicle" of the 22nd January, it was exclusively reported that Madanlal's mad mission had its roots in Bombay. As subsequent events have shown, Madanlal's was not a lone undertaking. There were others in the plot.

So the scene of investigations has now been shifted to Bombay and Bombay's ace detectives who are said to be pooling their resources with the Central C.I.D., are racking their brains to unmesh the tangled skein of the investigations into the plot to assassinate Gandhiji, a task which would, it is said, even baffle Scotland Yard, with its potential and vast resources.

It has now come to light that on the day Madanlal made his attempt Nathuram Vinayak Godse, who finally assassinated Mahatmaji on Friday last, and another accomplice of the former were all three together on the scene.

On this occasion too, it was an N.C.O., of the R.I.A.F., who apprehended and disarmed Godse.

Godse it is learnt came to Bombay and stayed in a hotel on Hornby Road. He is then alleged to have purchased the pistol which was a six-chambered revolver of French origin and with the blessings of a leading Mahasabhite left for the country's capital by air. His accomplice was also with him throughout and is said to be the man who distracted Gandhiji's attention.

The accomplice, however, managed to escape while Godse was apprehended before he also could make good his escape.

Pursuing the meagre clues at their disposal the Bombay C.I.D., have arrested a number of persons of diverse callings including a cinema star by the name of Pralhad Dutt.

The "missing link" in the chain is a person they are trying to track down. Madanlal is said to have been given false names of the other members of the gang. For instance it is said, he knew Godse as a journalist but by a different name.

MILL SUPERVISOR FATALLY STABBED

Pallonji Sohrabji Wadia, a supervisor in the Swadeshi Mills, Kurla, was fatally stabbed at midnight yesterday while on his way home from work. It is alleged, some workers of the mill were responsible for the attack.

This is the 13th murder of the type in the City and Greater Bombay. A dozen other executives were are either attacked in similar circumstances by members of their staff.

Pallonji, it is said, was set upon by his assailants unawares. The Police have arrested some suspects in this connection.

SUSPECTS IN THEFT CASE REMANDED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.—Four members of a gang who are alleged to have broken open a cloth godown at Pydhonie during the early hours of yesterday were arrested by the police while they were trying to remove bales of cloth in a hand cart.

A Gurkha watchman saw these eight men going along Narsi Natha Street with the hand cart containing three bales of cloth. The watchman suspecting them to be thieves challenged them when they manhandled and opening one of the bales coolly started sharing the contents. At this juncture, a police constable and some pedestrians arrived at the place and arrested Babu Ratnoo and three others. The remaining four escaped. The accused were ordered to be remanded into custody today by the Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court.

REVOLUTION PLOT IN LEBANON THWARTED

Govt. Takes Strong Measures

BEIRUT, February 4 (Reuter).—A conspiracy to organise a revolution in the country has been uncovered in the Lebanon and arms, explosives, military uniforms and pamphlets calling on the people to revolt found in the home of the Emir Nuhad Arslan, a Government communique announced here.

The Emir is a brother of the Minister of Defence, Emir Majid Aralan but enmity is known to exist between them.

Mountain brigands attacked a car carrying Lebanese bank cash last night and exchanged fire with guards, killing one gendarme and leaving brigand wounded.

Commanded by Emir Nuhad Arslan, a band attacked a patrol post at Sofar but were overwhelmed by the Security Forces and escaped into the mountains.

In addition to arms, the conspirators were said to have prepared food and medical supplies "with a view to carrying out a campaign of seditious activity."

"Measures have been taken by the Government to thwart any eventual attempt," the communique said.

It added that Emir Arslan had fled and was at present seeking refuge in a "neighbouring country."

The Lebanon, with little more than one million population—was proclaimed an independent sovereign State in November 1941 and was granted independence by the French by an agreement of December, 1943.

Full Independence was attained when the last foreign troops were evacuated from Syria and the Lebanon in April 1946.

FILM JOURNALIST ON FAST

BOMBAY Wednesday.

Mr. Anant Hari Gadre, a film journalist and former President of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Mahasabha has gone on a fast since yesterday to express his profound grief at the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, by a Sabhaite

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Bombay, 31-1-1948.

S. C. SIRKER, Branch Manager.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 4.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready
B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6/-5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 9/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rates T T Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2

CITY MARKETS CLOSED

BOMBAY, Feb. 4

All leading city markets remained entirely closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mahatma Gandhi.

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 6400
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 6550
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D—79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4
New York-London Cross Rate Do' 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4
London/Afghanistan Afghani Rs 52.57-53.43
London Alexandria Pia 97 1 4-3/4
London Amsterdam Fl. 10.68-70
London Bangkok Tcl 40
London Belgium Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4
London Denmark Kr 19.32-36
London Hongkong 1/3 1/16
London Iran Rl 128-130
London Java Fl 10.68-70
London Lisbon Es 99.80-100.20
London Manila Pes 8.07-12
London Montreal Dol 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London New York Dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London Oslo Kr. 19.98 20.02
London Paris Fcs. 863.40-864.60
London Prague K 201-202
London Singapore 2/4 7/32-1/8
London Stockholm Kr. 14.47-50
London Switzerland Fcs 17.34-36
London Syria 880-5
London Discts 3 Months 9/16 p.c.
London Discts 6 Months 5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c Bank of England Rate 2 p.c

Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 3/4 p c 6 months 1 p c 12 months 1-1/2 p.c.

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London Markets Daunted By Continued Gold Drain

LONDON, Feb. 5, (UPA) London stock markets were obviously daunted by the continued gold drain and the turnover everywhere was reduced. British funds after a good opening, turned weaker though British transports remained at the overnight level. Among industrials, there was marked activity only in road transport concerns, with Thomas Tilling shares up 2/- to 95/- while deferred shares in the British Electric Traction were up twenty sterling compared with the highest level recorded last year of 1,500 sterling. Oils also were active, with new Shell Transport shares up one shilling to 46/10-1/2. Kaffirs were a shade more active.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Wednesday the 4th February 1948. Total amount offered was Rs. 5,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crores only). Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 were accepted in full, and those at Rs. 99-14-0 allotted approximately 59 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 2,00,00,000/-, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-7-8 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Wednesday the 11th Feb. 1948 up to 11 a.m. at Bombay and up to the close of business on Tuesday the 10th February 1948 at other centres (Calcutta, Cawnpore, and Madras.) Successful tenderers should make payment on Saturday the 14th February 1948. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended the 30th January 1948, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,09,50,000/- (Rupees two crores, nine lakhs and fifty-thousand only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 30th January, 1948.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Central Government of	
(1) India	265,94,82,000
(2) Pakistan	45,33,41,000
(b) Other Governments in	
(1) India	17,19,73,000
(2) Pakistan	24,32,000
(c) Banks	109,83,84,000
(d) Others	35,31,20,000
Bills Payable	3,60,59,000
Other Liabilities	12,03,92,000
Rupees	499,51,83,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	12,28,55,000
Rupee Coin	14,05,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,64,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	3,37,00,000
Balances held abroad	371,70,50,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	23,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	80,00.
Investments	107,55,22,000
Other Assets	4,20,97,000
Rupees	499,51,83,000

Includes Cash & Short term Securities.

WEEKLY REPORT

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, for the week ended the 30th day of January 1948.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	12,28,55,000
Notes in circulation	1262,18,57,000
Total Notes issued	1274,47,12,000
Total Liabilities	1274,47,12,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 92.567 per cent.

Dated the 4th day of February 1948.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000
(b) Held outside India	
Sterling Securities	1135,32,89,000
Total of A	1179,74,34,000
B. Rupee Coin	36,88,74,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,04,000
Total Assets	1274,47,12,000

Provincial Merchants Conference Postponed

The Second Session of the Bombay Provincial Merchants Conference, which was to be held at Poona on the 8th and 9th February under the Presidentship of Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, has been postponed to dates to be announced later.

Chicago Grains

The early losses were attributed to profittaking and hedge selling. Later prices rallied on the resumption of commercial demand and short covering on technical grounds and predictions for another cold wave in the midwest. Towards the close, however, increased pressure developed in maize which brought prices back nearly four cents from the day's high levels and resulted in selling in other grains.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.

March	2.9o to 2.95
May	2.86-1/4 to 2.86-1/2
July	2.57-3/4 to 2.58
September	2.53-1/4 to 2.53-1/2

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 700,000 shares.

The highest and lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 75-3/8 and 75 respectively.

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Australian wheat (bulk) fob ..... 137/6 Marapi qted.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Silver Spot	45 d.
Silver Forward	44-3/4 d.
Gold	$8/12/3

BLACK PEPPER CLOSING PRICES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

Spot T	43.00
March N	K..... 42.00
May N	41.00
July N	39.00
Sept. N	39.00
October N	38.00

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, Feb. 4.

Coiryarn Beypore 160/170; Quilandy 185/185; Fibre Garbled 120; Ungarbled 110; Coconuts Raw 110; Dry 120; Coconutoil 385; Copra Office 260; Dilpasand 270; Madrasnottam 280; Pepper Wynaad 750; Country 740; Dryginger Chernad 240; Ernad 230; Coffee Robusta 98, Timber Pali 50/55; Junglewood 25/30, Vellapine 45/50; Benteak 40/45; Teak 80/90; Mangoplanks 3/3/8 Teak 12/15, Rosewood 15/20.

INDORE SHARE MARKET.

(From Our Lorrespondent.)

INDORE, Feb 4

Today's Closing quotations:—
Indore Malwa 632.
Sukamchand 650.
Bhandari Mill 683.
Vinod Mill 432.
Kalyanamal 368.
Kalyanmal Preference 121.
Rajkumar 155.
Indore Bank 85.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	£79-1/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	£106-5/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	£103-1/2
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£112-7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p.c.	$113-5/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	£11
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Lond. Reg.)	£118-1/2
National Bank of India	£34

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 10153

U.S. Price of foreign Silver ..... 74-5/8 cent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

American Telephone and Telegraph	151-3/8
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	33-1/4
Chase National Bank	34-3/4
Sinclair Oil Co.	16-1/4
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	47-1/4
General Electric Co.	34-1/4
General Motors	56
Ingersoll Rand/bid	126
International Nickel	27-1/2
National City Bank of New York	39-1/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	15-7/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15-5/8
Texas Corporation	56-1/2
Union Carbon and Carbide	99-1/4
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	46-1/2
U.S. Steel Corporation	75-1/8
Western Union Telegraph	19-3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LONDON, Feb. 4, (Reuter): The news that the Prime Minister will today make a statement regarding Government's policy on wages, acted as a brake on the already slow moving market and encouraged revival of talk about dividend limitation.

The Giltedged section, however, was very firm and recorded good rises with consol 2-1/2 one-eighth better at 79-1/4 trusarys gained three-eighths to 79-1/2 whilst transport three per cents improved three-sixteenths to 96-11/16.

Elsewhere, however, caution was the keyword with prices tending lower and occasionally subject to some bear selling. Woolworth lost one and six to 89/9 whilst among breweries bass lost one and three at 210 shillings. Tobaccos were also slightly easier.

The recent activity in oil was curtailed and some profit-taking resulted in lowerlevels; Anglo-Iranian lost a quarter at 9-3/4 shell new shares were one and three lower at 45/9.

In the mining section there was selective support for Kaffirs with the buying reported as being on behalf of the genuine investor; coppers also encountered some buying during the earlier part of the session but later turned dull in sympathy with other sections.

New York Cotton Barely Steady

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (Reuter): COTTON: The market turned dull after the small opening losses and prices drifted aimlessly with traders awaiting developments in connection with the Marshall plan and textile markets. Scattered hedges and liquidation were absorbed through mill buying and shortcovering. Evening up operations in near March option was the main trading feature. A drifting tendency continued under dribbling liquidation and hedges proving particularly effective against near months. Support remained indifferent throughout reflecting Washington uncertainties and the sluggishness of textiles. The session closed barely steady. Sales are estimated at 100,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

March	34.49
May	34.51
July	33.96
October	31.48
December	31.26
March	31.10
May/nominal	30.92
July/bid	30.45
Middling Spot	35.31

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

March	34.42
May	34.51
July	33.92
October/bid	31.44
December/bid	31.16
Middling Spot	34.20

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton March contract is 1435 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

MID-JANUARY AMERICAN COTTON PARITY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has announced the Mid-January parity price of cotton as 31.12 cents compared with December figure of 30.38 and last year 26.66.

Worth Street Trading Quiet

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (UPA: While trading was quiet on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today, prices showed a steadier tone in the print cloth division. Brokers said that re-sales appeared to be tapering off, suggesting speculatively held goods had been pretty well absorbed. In the export direction, the market was also quiet, pending foreign exchange developments, although housing interests possessing of dollars were reported to be inquiring about their availability.

Free Trading In Gold In France

PARIS, Feb. 4, (Reuter): Free trading and transport in gold in France became legal today, the French Ministry of Finance announced.

BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1947

Record December Exports

Britain's export trade in 1947 reached the record value of £1,137,000,000, being nearly two-and-a-half times the 1938 figure.

This is revealed in the official figures of Britain's overseas trade during last year. There was a sharp increase in the volume of exports in the last quarter of 1947 in general, and in December in particular.

The figures showed an over-all rise in volume to 8 per cent. above the 1938 figure Compared with the target set for June this year—140 per cent. above the pre-war figure—this improvement would appear only moderate. It should, however, be remembered that this 8 per cent. rise as the average for the whole year takes into account the heavy setbacks of last winter's fuel crisis.

In the first and second quarters of 1947, Britain's exports barely topped the pre-war figure. By the end of the third quarter, however, they had risen to 114 per cent., and in the fourth quarter to 117 per cent. above the 1938 figure. Moreover, in December the volume of exports rose to 20 per cent. above the pre-war figure, half-way to the mid-1948 target.

COAL EXPORTS.

Reckoning on a daily basis, these December exports were the highest so far recorded. Taking 26 days as the normal working month, December exports totalled £114,500,000, compared with £106,500,000 in November and £82,500,000 in February and March—the two lowest months of the year. One encouraging feature of the December returns was the increase in coal exports—at 138,000 tons they were the highest for any month since January 1947.

All classes of British exports shared in the £8,000,000 increase in the December exports. Exports of food, drink and tobacco were the highest for 18 months. The quantity of spirits sent abroad was the highest since 1942, while exports of raw materials rose by £300,000 owing to the increase in coal shipments.

While exports of manufactured goods rose on November by just under £5,000,000, they were lower in value than in either July or August. Exports of machinery, however, reached a record total of £17,700,000, while those of electrical goods exceeded £5,000,000 for the first time. Woollen and worsted goods at £6,600,000 were the highest since 1921, and the value of iron and steel shipments at just over £8,000,000 was the highest in 1947, apart from July.

LEADING GROUPS.

Turning to the year's export trade, the report shows that Britain's six leading groups were machinery, vehicles, iron and steel, followed by cotton, chemicals and wood. One of the most marked features of the year's developments—apart from the rapid rise in exports in the second half of 1947—was the expansion in metal goods, which accounted for no less than 48 per cent. of Britain's total exports, compared with 44 per cent. in 1946 and only 37 per cent. in 1938.

Another interesting trend has been the increasingly important part played by British countries. Whereas in 1946 exports to foreign countries were larger than to British countries, throughout 1947 exports to the British countries were the larger, by the fourth quarter exceeding those to foreign countries by 19 per cent.

ADVERSE BALANCE.

But even the record export figure of £1,137,000,000 was outmatched by that for the year's imports, which amounted to £1,787,500,000. Taking into account re-exports at just over £59,000,000, the British adverse trade balance for the year was £591,200,000, compared with £336,100,000 in 1946.

One of the two main objectives of the British export drive in 1948 is to wipe out such a general deficit by means of increased exports and reduced imports. Even if this is achieved, it will not cover Britain's dollar deficit. Thus, increased dollar earnings is the other objective of the export drive, the aim being to achieve an expansion of at least 50 per cent. on 1947.

Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

Monday's late softness extended this morning with the uncertainties overhanging the market augmented by the disturbed bituminous coal situation. Mine owners are still in the dark over John Levis intentions to take "Independent action" in the dispute over the use of the miners welfare fund. Prices eased fractions to one point in limited trade with chemicals, steels, motors, rails minings, industrials and specialities prominent The averages were industrials 174.33 and rails 51.21. The market displayed little recuperative ability and prices continued to fluctuate narrowly at or around the day's low levels in sluggish trading. Numerous wet stocks after early steadiness turned somewhat sensitive with renewed fears that legislation again may be considered by the house committee to extend Government power to limit distillers use of grains. The house passage of the knuteen tax reduction bill with enough majority to override possible presidential Veto seem anticipated in most quarters but senate action thereon is expected to be delayed because the budget and the Marshall plan are to be given prior consideration. It is believed that a decidedly smaller tax cut will be voted by the senate—probably around four thousands million dollars There was no change in final trading. The market closed barely steady.

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS & EXPORTS

IMPORTS

s s. CAGLIARI

From Geneo:—
34 bales embroidered cotton piecegood; 81 drums orcinal thicker and fixer, 560 cases festrovite liquid; 40 pecs. coal tar dyes; 168 drums aniline dyes; 522 cases sewing cotton (Thread) on reels 419 cases apothecary ware; 55 barrels ancillary textile chemical; 25 drums dyes; 149 drums chemicals; 29 cases printed matters 30 cases common inter alarm clocks; 154 bales raw silk; 90 bales raw material silk yarn; 34 bottles quick silver; 60 cases artificial silk yarn; 92 bales raw silk yarn. 27 cases—rayan tissues, 38 cases dyeing colours; 99 cases chemical pharmaceutical product, ; 30 cases cycle spokes 200 bags laptanic acid. 377 pces. roles.

From Trieste:—
175 bags citric acid crystals.

From Alexandria:—
1554 bales cotton; 60 balls copper brass scraps.

s. s. PRESIDENT MONROE

From Los Angeles:—
279 cases cinema machine accessories.

From Sanfranaisco:—
29 cases silk parachutes; 127 bxs. gradea fresh and food; 1500 cases orange marmalade; 172 cases cinema machine and accessories. 8849 slaps Singapore tin.

s. s. CITY OF DARABAN

From Liverpool:—
779 pcs. mild steel plate cuttings; 26 cases cotton yarn. 120 bags blended mild steel washers; 36 cases medicine; 109 cases aluminium bottle capsules; 65 cases machinery, 215 pkgs. dry aniline colours; 39 pkgs. copper strip; 258 pkgs. steel 473 cases textile machinery (spg); 3080 bdls. steelhoops; 242 drums paint 210 drums oil warnish; 29 cases medicinal preparation; 325 pkgs. drystorage batteries; 26 rases wollen piecegoods, 130 pkgs. alizorine, 33 drums benthols, 531 drums indigo grain, 7467 bags soda ash, 40 cases carbonate of soda, 36 pkgs. coltar dyes 46 cases wax polish, 63 cases colours, 34 ctns. glassware, 30 drums flat head shoe rivets, 120 bags calcium carbonate, 275 pkgs. boiler lagging, 100 pkgs. hydro sulphate of soda. 105 cases toys, 47 cases electric machines, 1003 bundles steel oaling hoops, 60 pkgs diesel oil engine, 157 pkgs copper sheets, 55 tender dust. 123 cases accumulators, 93 cases lead plates. 100 bdls. beam flanges, 28 cases corks, 36 cases fleads, 64 cases textile machinery parts, 41 cases borax, 110 bdls. gesquard coon cards; 62 cases umbrella ribs 50 bags steel washers 65 cases paint, 60 bags calsbar plastirs, 59 pkgs. metal toys, 106 cases cycle accessories 28 cases cycles 60 dasks L. P. plasters, 57 bdls. steel tubing, 50 bags copper steel sofa, 338 cases pharmaceuticals, 37 cases sodium carb, 105 bdls. wire, 63 cases electric motors, 150 drums hydro sulphite formal dehyde, 80 cases complete spokes.

From Antwerp:— 40 cases chocolate 1592 cases rayan yarn.

From Alexandria:— 3399 bales Egyptian Cotton 293 cases dried figs 29 parcels cotton samples.

S. S. COSTAL BULLUNEER

From Hongkong: 163 cases torches 40 cases flash light bulbs.

From Penang:— From P. Bhogilal 10 bales sandlewood pieces 20 bags coriander 21 bags fenel seed 11 bags cumin seed

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S. S. KATHA

To Manchester:— Cotton waste 200 bales V. A. Save & Co. 120 bales G. M. Vyas & Co.

S. S. PUCHUMBA

To London:— 91 bdls vegetable tanned chrome upper leather—Jeon & Co. 6 bales woolen pile carpets—Easo. India carpet Co.

To Havere:— 824 bags crushed bones—Eric Ellies.

S. S. JALABALA

To London:— Bristals 36 cases —At K. C. Shyamlal 16 cases at Beuram 5 bales woolen carpets—Nath Carpet Co. 140 bags drug un—the Fazalbhai Ebrahim & Co.

S. S. CITY OF HONGKONK

To Liverpool:— 256 drums caster oil —K. Devchand & Co. 394 drums Castrol Oil East Asiatic Co. (I) Ltd. 531 drums ground nut oil C. Zamlu khan.

S. S. JALKRISHNA

To Liverpool:— 500 bales cotton raw—K. Devchand & Co.

S. S. JALAMANI

To Colombo:— 25 bags drug un—A. Mithabhoy.

S. S. Havildar

To Colombo:— 23 bales cotton waste blankets—G. Shantilal & Co. 350 bags coriander seed —K. V. R M Ramanathan Chetty

S S. Marin Snapper

To New York:— 182 bags drug un—at K. Kapur & Co. 599 bags gam Karaya —S. M. Rajgor & Co. 100 bags sandlewood? S. Nawroji & Co. 12 bales drysalted goatskin at Western India Skin Exports. 100 bales jute rag for paper making—Sapt Textile prod. (India) Ltd.

To Sydney:— 27 drums castrol oil -Bombay Export and Import Co.

S. S. RIBEAN PARK

TO WELINGTON—
95 drums groundnut oil—@ Rajkumar Oil Mills.

TO AUCLAND:—
37 drums groundnut oil—Rajkumar Oil Mills.

TO MELBOURNE—
8 bales cotton piecegooods—The Podar Trading Co., Ltd.

TO SYDNEY—
7 bales cotton piecegoods—The Podar Trading Co., Ltd.

S. S. ANNENKERK

TO MELBOURNE—
30 bales cotton piecegoods—Sapt Textile Prod. (India) Ltd.

TO SYDNEY—
44 bales cotton piecegoods—Sapt. Textile Prod. (India) Ltd.

S. S. LUTTERKERK

TO ROTTERDAM—
289 bags Moura oil seeds—Ralli Bros. Ltd.

S. S. BARJORA

TO BUORAH—
100 bags Tamirind—A. H. Shaye.

TO KUWAIT—
10 cases windowglass—G. B. Raja.
11 cases chalk sticks—H. Esaa Bros.

S. S. TAIREA

TO ZANZIBAR—
17 trunks glass bangles—P. Gulam Husan & Sons.
7 bales cotton waste—Pandya & Co.

TO BESRA—
7 bales cotton piecegoods—Bhikubhai & Co.

TO DARESSALLAM—
From M. L. Joshi 5 bags ginger, 28 cases turmeric.
12 bales cotton piecegoods—J. Kalianji.
5 bags cumin seed—M. L. Joshi.
10 bags coriandar—M. L. Joshi.

TO MUMBASSA—
10 bags turmeric—Dipchand & Co.
Cotton hosiery 21 bales. P. Gokulchand & Co.
6 bales—S. Kalidas & Co.
From J. Hemchand & Co. 7 bags roasted bettlenut, 10 bags cumin seed. 10 bags fennal seed, 20 bags dry ginger.

S. S. ALAMAK

TO ROTTERDAM—
57 bales cotton waste—L. O. Vora.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVAL

"S.S. KHOSROW" arrived from Karachi on February 3. (M. M.)

SAILINGS

The following steamers sailed from the Bombay Harbour on February 3.

"COOMB HILL" sailed for Calcutta via Cochin and Colombo with 3,700 tons of general cargo.

"SADASPUR" left for Abadan. Canadian vessel "Bayside" sailed for Calcutta via Colombo and Madras with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

"JALABALA" sailed for London via Aden, Suez and Port Said with 4,557 tons of general cargo.

"S.S. JALAMANI" left for Colombo via Cochin with 3,900 tons of cargo.

Greek vessel "P. L. VASSILIADES" sailed for Karachi with 9,700 tons of barley.

"S.S. OBRA" left for Karachi with 3,700 tons of general cargo.

DUE TO ARRIVE

"CITY OF DONCASTER" due from New York on Feb. 6. (Forbes).

"MERCHANT PRINCE" due from New York on Feb. 13. (Forbes)

"MARINE PLIER" from San Fransisco due on Feb. 7. (Forbes).

HOODED TERROR LIFTS ITS HOOD

SWAINBORO, (Georgia), Feb. 4, (Reuter): Nearly 200 hooded Klu Klux Klansmen burned a firey cross on the lawn of Emanuel country court house last night after marching in single file around the town square.

R. Ralph Smith, the Mayor, said it was the first time the Klan had demonstrated in this south-east Georgia farming and lumbering community since the heydey of the "Invisible Empire" in the 1920's.

As the march ended on the courthouse lawn, a hooded leader cried out: "All right fellows, all together now" Then the Klansmen sang "America" as the last note died away, the leader said: "May we re-dedicate our lives to the promotion of white womanhood."

Then a torch was put to the ten-foot cross. While it was burning, the Klansmen shouted: "Where's Drew Pearson, where's Walter Winchell"? (Columnists Pearson and Winchell have recently been exposing the Klan's renewed activities.)

At the end of the brief ceremony, the Klan leader said: "We do not hate race, colour, or creed."

He declared that the Klan had gathered to re-dedicate itself to the maintenance of southern racial traditions and added: "We intend to carry out those traditions and to maintain the segregation of the races."

KANPUR, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.): Rai Bahadur Ram Narain was declared elected to the United Provinces Legislative Assembly, from the U. P. Chamber of Commerce Constituency in the bye-election caused by the resignation of Mr. T. I Smith. Rai Bahadur Ram Narain polled 61 votes as against 9 secured by Rai Har Govind Misra.

Sweden Not To Join Western European Union

Afraid It Will Be Deprive Of Neutrality In Future War

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4 (Reuter). Sweden will not join in Mr. Bevin's plan for a Western European Union lest she be deprived of the chance of neutrality in a future war, the Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Oesten Unden, indicated in a speech to both Houses of Parliament here this morning.

"The Government is convinced the overwhelming majority of the Swedish people do not wish to join any great power bloc, be it by explicit pact or alliance or by silent understanding on common military action in case of conflict", he declared.

"If the new Security organisation is undermined by the formation of political blocs or is otherwise paralysed in its capacity to act, our country must have the freedom to choose the path of neutrality."

REACTION IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 4, (Reuter): Sweden's announcement that she would not join any Great Power system of alliances such as the Western Union scheme launched last month by British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin caused no surprise in London diplomatic quarters today. It was recognised that the success of her neutrality policy during the war was a compelling reason in terms of Swedish public opinion for remaining outside the Western Union and she had not therefore been approached, a British Foreign Office spokesman said.

Nationalisation Of Imperial And Reserve Banks

NEW DELHI Feb. 4 (API): Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, Finance Minister, announced in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) today that Government proposed to take steps to see that the nationalisation of the Reserve Bank was effected as soon as possible after September 30, 1948.

Government accepted the policy of nationalising the Imperial Bank of India but as the bank had branches outside India, Government proposed to examine carefully the various technical questions that would arise in connection with the nationalisation of the bank before the policy was implemented.

The Finance Minister, who was replying to Mr. Mohan Lal Saksena, said:— "Nationalisation of the Reserve Bank can be effected only after the 30th September 1948 when the Reserve Bank ceases to be a common banker for India and Pakistan under the terms of Pakistan (Monetary and Reserve Bank etc.) Order, 1947 Government propose to take steps to see that the nationalisation of the bank is effected as soon there after as possible.

Attempt To Strike Blow At Peace

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 3. (Reuter): In a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the semi-official newspaper 'Observatore Romano' said to-night:

"This hour, so sad for our civilisation, has indeed been darkened by the detestable assassination of Gandhi.

"In killing this peace-loving man, it seems that an attempt has been made to strike a blow at peace.

"As in all political crimes these fanatics think that by killing a person they will destroy the faith and ideals he represents.

"But these crimes have only the very opposite effect. They elevate that faith and those ideals and make them shine out all the more.

"The truth of this has come in the protests and horror which the murder of Gandhi has raised throughout the world".

Kripalani Deplores Mob Violence

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4, (API): his assassin destroyed Mahatma Gandhi's frail physical frame, we by our retaliatory acts of violence would be striking at his departed soul.

While honouring and worshupping him we would be repudiating his life-long teachings and the cause for which he laid down his life", says Acharya Kripalani in a statement on the present disturbances in various parts of the country.

He adds: "The present occasion, if the assassin had only given him time, Gandhiji, like Christ, before him, would with his dying breath have said "Father forgive him for he knew not what he did." Mahatma Gandhi like Christ believed that judgment belonged to God because he alone was the master of human hearts.

FIRST FORFEIT STAGE OF GRAND NATIONAL

LONDON, Feb. 4, (Reuter): The first forfeit stage of the Grand National to be run at Aintree on March 20 leaves 66 of the original 83 entries still in the race.

There will be a second forfeit stage on March 9.

U. S. TO CONTINUE TO USE AZORES AS BASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, (U.P.A.): The State Department announced today that Portugal had agreed to let the United States use the Azores as a military aircraft base for another three to five years.

CZECH AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (A.P.I.): M. Jaroslav Seimcha, Czechoslovak Ambassador-Designate to India, arrived here.

MUTT AND JEFF—This Is The Time Mutt Even Got Plastered — By BUD FISHER

JEFF, I'M TAKING A LITTLE SNOOZE. IF THE BOSS COMES AROUND, WAKE ME!
SO! ASLEEP ON THE JOB, EH!
WELL, SLEEP ON MY PROUD BEAUTY. WHILE YOU'RE ASLEEP YOU'VE GOT A JOB BUT-
-WHEN YOU WAKE UP, YOU'LL BE OUT OF WORK!
IF I CAN ONLY KEEP HIM ASLEEP TILL SATURDAY SO HE GETS A FULL WEEK'S PAY!
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AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents on pay Rs. 180-15-300, plus daily T.A. of Rs. 4/- only and on commission basis for Stationery Goods, Fountain Pens and Rold Gold Ornaments. Green India Industries, Sadarbazar, Delhi. (8050)

Wanted Agents. Stockists for Aryamalam, Arya Laboratories, 19, Surendra Banerji Road, Calcutta. (7483)

Wanted respectable Firms and individuals in the Electrical business line, who are willing to work as "District Agent" for sale of "Relief Fan" on guaranteed basis. Price most competitive and quality guaranteed. Write to Arya Engineering and Industrial Works Ltd. 16, Russa Road, Calcutta 26. (7049)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

DACCA UNIVERSITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the Professorship of Commerce in the scale of Rs 600-50/2-800, p.m., initial salary depending on qualificatiens If a suitable candidate for Professorship be not available a Reader will be appointed in place of the Professor in the scale of Rs 400-40/2-600, p.m. Candidates are required to state in the application whether they are willing to accept the Readership if it is offered to them The appointment will be made for two years in the first instance and may be renewed on approved service, till the age of retirement The person appointed will also have to act as the Head of the Department of Commerce. Nine copies of applications and of all testimonials should reach the Registrar not later than 1st April, 1948. For full particulars please apply to the Registrar, Dacca University, P. O. Ramna, Dacca, (East Bengal). (6903)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO SPECIAL JURORS

MEMBERS of the Special Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend the High Court on 2nd floor, Room No. 46 on Thursday the 5th February 1948 at 2-45 P.M. (S.T).

M. L. DAHANUKAR,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Bombay, 4th February, 1948. 7216

THE BOMBAY SWADESHI CO-OPERATIVE STORES COMPANY, LIMITED.

Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, 1.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 17th February, 1948 to FRIDAY, the 20th February, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
P. C. JHALA,
Acting Manager.

3rd February, 1948. 7210

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of PRINCIPAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICER for the Empire Potato Collection at the Commonwealth Bureau of Plant Breeding and Genetics Cambridge in the scale of £750-£30-£1050+£90 to £1075 bonus. In special case an officer might start higher than the bottom of the scale. Travelling and subsistence allowance on the recognised scales when travelling. The appointment can be terminated at 3 months notice on either side. If the officer appointed is not already a member of the Federated Superannuation system for Universities, he is required to become a member. Under this Scheme an Assurance Policy at the Officer's selection is taken out, the premium being equivalent to 15% of salary one-third is recoverable by deduction from salary, the remaining two-third, being contributed by the Executive Council. Arrangements are made for additional policies as salary rises. Annual leave and sick leave allowed according to regulations. Applicants should give name, address, date and country of birth, present employment and salary education (School, University and Degree) experience (including Scientific and administrative experience) Publications. In addition the names of three persons should be given to whom reference can be made on qualifications and work. Applications should reach the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, (Commodities Section) New Delhi, by the 20th February, 1948, at the latest. Appointment will be made by the Executive Council of the Imperial Agricultural Bureau, London. (7204)

THE ELPHINSTONE SPG. & WVG. MILLS CO. LTD., BOMBAY.

Application has been made to the Directors of the above Company by Mr. Vithaldas Damodardas Chahwalla, to issue duplicate of Share Certificate for 10 Ordinary Shares, numbered 45423/432 standing in the name of Mr. Harilal Ghelabhai Thakar and Pramod Harilal, upon the statement that the original Share Certificates have been lost or destroyed and Notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original Share Certificates is made to the said Directors of the Company's Office at Kamani Chambers, 32, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, they will then proceed to deal with such application for duplicate Share Certificates.

Dated this 4th day of February 1948.

VITHALDAS DAMODERDAS CHAHWALA,
Purchaser of the above numbered Shares. 3061

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

TENDER NOTICE.

Special Item costing over Rs. 10,000 Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on 1st March 1948 before noon.

Tender No. SP/F/Genl/46/Sheet 12/Item 14 and 15 for the supply of—

(1) Couplers Elec. 5 Wire inter-vehicle complete with 24 way combined junction and fuse box conforming to IRS Specn. No. E6/37 required for 130 Nos. all steel 3rd Class B.G. Coaches—130 Nos.

(2) Junction Link boxes 15 way to CSE Drawing No. 23 required for 130 Nos. all steel 3rd Class B. G. Coaches—130 Nos.

Tender form may be purchased from the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta at Rs. 5/- per copy on payment to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same Firm outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the Tender form direct to the Controller of Stores by money order.

No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office and then put into the Tender Box outside the Deputy General Manager Work's room by the Tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER. 7202

PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of following 11 K.V. Oil Circuit Breakers at P.W.D. Electricity Branch, (East Punjab) Stores, Verka, (Amritsar) East Punjab Railway.

1.	11 K.V.	O.C.Bs.	CT Ratio	75/5——	3 Nos.
2.	11 K.V.	O.C.B.	CT Ratio	50/5——12	Nos.
3.	11 K.V.	O.C.B.	CT Ratio	30/5——18	Nos.
4.	11 K.V.	O.C.B.	CT Ratio	15/5——18	Nos.

Oil Circuit Breakers conforming to B.S.S. 116/37 & 162/34 will be accepted. Detailed specifications of the O.C.Bs. offered should accompany the tenders.

Tenders for supplies ex-stock in India will be given preference. The tenders clearly specifying the delivery period should reach the Executive Engineer, Stores Division, East Punjab, P.W.D. Electricity Branch, No. 2 Kudh Road, Jullundur City, on or before 15-3-48.

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for Chief Engineer,
East Punjab P.W.D. Electricity Br.
"Mehta" 23/1.

(7205)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1948.

AS MAHATMA GANDHI'S ASHES will be immersed in the holy Triveni on Thursday, the 12th February, 1948, which is to be observed as a day of National Mourning, by virtue, therefore, of the powers vested in the undersigned under Section 3(1)(i) of Ordinance No. II of 1948, dated 2-2-1948, called "The City of Bombay Municipal General Elections Ordinance, 1948", the Polls for Municipal Elections scheduled to take place on 12th February, 1948, are hereby postponed until the 19th day of February, 1948.

The Polls for Wards comprised in Groups II, III & I will accordingly be held as under:

Saturday, the 14th February, 1948. (Group II) No. and Name of the Ward.	Tuesday, the 17th February 1948. (Group III) No. and Name of the Ward.	Thursday, the 19th February 1948. (Group I) No. and Name of the Ward.
2 Fort	3 Bori Bunder	1 Colaba
5 Dongri	6 Umarkhadi	4 Mandvi
8 Kumbharwada	11 Fanaswadi	7 Kharatalao
10 Dhobi Talao	14 Walkeshwar	9 Markets
13 Khetwadi	21 Byculla (East)	12 Girgaum
16 Tardeo	22 Ghorupdeo	15 Mahalaxmi
19 Mazgaon	25 Parel	17 Kamathipura
20 Byculla (West)	28 Sion	18 Nagpada
24 Lalbaug	31 Worli	23 Sewri
27 Matunga	34 Mahim.	26 Naigaum
30 Lower Parel		29 Love Grove
33 Dadar.		32 Parbhadevi.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices, Bombay, 4th February, 1948. (7214)

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TENDERS

TENDERS ARE HEREBY INVITED from the approved C. P. W. D. contractors for the work "Erection of steel hangars to provide for the passenger facilities at Santa Cruz—S. H. Supply of missing parts for Butler Hangar" at an estimated cost of Rs. 25,000/-.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned upto 12 noon on 7-2-48 and opened on the same day at 12-30 P.M.

Tender forms can be purchased during the office hours from the office of the undersigned on a payment of Rs. 5/4/- upto 6-2-48.

Tender containing any additional conditions shall not be considered.

I. S. CHOPRA,
Executive Engineer.

Bombay Aviation Division No. I. Commerce House, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY. 7192

TENDER FOR PRINTING OF THE AIR JOURNAL, THE INDIAN LISTENER.

THE SERVICES of a fully equipped and efficient printing press, with stereo and block-making departments, are required for the printing of All-India Radio's English programme journal "The Indian Listener"—weekly or fortnightly—on contract for an initial period of three years from the 15th March 1948 or as soon as possible thereafter. The contract may be extended for a period of two years if so desired by Government. Only printing firms or presses having experience in the printing line and financially sound enough to equip a press, or to expand their existing press to the extent required to print the journal, need apply.

Tenderers will be required to tender for the work in the prescribed tender form, which together with a copy of the 'Condition of Contract' can be had from the Director General, All-India Radio, Broadcasting House, New Delhi, on payment of Re. 1/- per tender form in person or by money order Tenderers will be required to deposit with the tender Rs. 2,000/- (Two Thousand) as earnest money in the manner prescribed.

The last date for the submission of the tender is 1st March 1948. 7183

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

TENDER NOTICE.

No. 1192.

THE GOVERNMENT of Bombay requires 1,000 new motor buses for operating transport services under the Nationalisation Scheme in the first year 1948-49

Sealed tenders are invited for the supply of chassis or complete buses operated by petrol or diesel engines with wheel base from 158" to 200"; construction of coaches on chassis to be supplied according to the plans available in Provincial Transport Office.

Tenders in the prescribed form should reach the undersigned before 3 p.m. on 15th February, 1948

The forms can be had on application to the office of the undersigned.

D. D. SATHE.
Provincial Transport Officer
Industrial Assurance Bldg.,
Churchgate Bombay
Dated 30th January, 1948. 7178

THE BARSI LIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

(Incorporated in England).

VACANCIES exist for Telegrapn Signallers on the grade of Rs. 60-4-120-EB-150 plus usual dearness allowance allowed under Rules. Applicants must have passed Matriculation or Junior Cambridge and must be able to receive and despatch not less than 13 words per minute. In case of candidates with approved war service, the condition of minimum educational qualification may be relaxed. Apply with copies of testimonials which will not be returned, to the Agent & General Manager, Barsi Light Railway, Kurduwadi, District Sholapur.

All applications to be received before 25th February, 1948. 7211

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank, Oriental Buildings, Bombay, on Thursday the 4th March 1948 at 4 p.m. (Standard Time):—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1947.
(2) To declare a dividend.
(3) To elect Directors in place of those retiring, and
(4) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 20th February, 1948 to SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

A. C. CLARKE,
General Manager.

Bombay, 5th February, 1948. 7212

NOTICE.

WANTED for the Office of the Commandant, Home Guards, Greater Bombay a competent Stenographer, minimum speed required is 120 words per minute. Pay Rs. 125/- per mensem plus Dearness Allowance permissible according to Government orders. The appointment is purely temporary. Applications should be sent to the undersigned to reach not later than Monday 9th February, 1948.

M. J. B. MANECKJI,
Capt.
Commandant,
Home Guards, Greater Bombay.

Churchgate Reclamation,
"E" Road,
Bombay 4th Feb. 1948. 7215

TENDERS.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Bombay Aviation Division No. 1 invites tenders on 11-2-1948 from approved C.P.W.D Contractor for the work of "Providing Eastern Taxi tracks and Southern Aprons and Drains costing about Rs 177,350/- Earnest money Rs. 8,867/- cost of tender form Rs. 10/4/- which amount is unrefundable. Conditions and Drawings etc., may be seen in office during office hours

(Sd.) I. S CHOPRA.
Executive Engineer.
Bombay Aviation Division No. 1
Bombay. 7193

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SALAHUDDIN DILAVERHUSEIN SAIFULLAH and RAIHANABIBI FAIZ MAHOMED, NIZAMI, wife of the said Salahuddin Dilaverhusein Saifullah, both of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from encumbrances.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property or any part there of by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, wakf, trust easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Ebrahim Building 6, Bell Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof.

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Dated this 29th day of January, 1948.

SATYENDRA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 7203

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE of the right of Crawford Market Scale Shed advertised for 12th will now take place on 16/2/48.

AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

Under instructions from the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay M/s. BENNETT & CO. will on MONDAY, 9th inst. at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at Municipal Inspector Repairs Godown 2nd Flank Road junction of Keshavji Naik Road, Dongri Beams, Chairs, doors, windows, Shutters etc. Terms 50 p.c. cash deposit.

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AUCTION SALE OF ABOUT 168 BALES AND LOOSE KARACHI INDIAN COTTON.

Messrs. MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 10th February, 1948, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Sewree Cotton Depot near (water tank) C. Godown No. 1 by order of the Insurance Office concerned the above mentioned cotton damaged by fire and water.

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